

Referral Facts For Rehabilitation Professionals

Originally sponsored by Shepherd Center and Emory Healthcare, Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse is a unique program for people with brain injuries to transition from medical patient to contributing community member.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- ❖ Acquired Brain Injury
- ❖ Age 18 or over
- ❖ Independent with assistive devices or accompanied by personal assistant
- ❖ Able to control behavior such that no threat to self or community exists
- ❖ Desire to participate in productive activity and work with peers toward a common goal
- ❖ Funding resources to pay membership fees

WHEN TO REFER

- ❖ No longer requires full day rehabilitation in Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapies
- ❖ Can benefit from productive activity with cognitive, psychosocial, and/or vocational support and assistance in peer group setting
- ❖ May need assistance preparing for, obtaining, and maintaining employment

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The daily cost is \$175. Members without an external payer source and in financial need may receive a discount based on availability of scholarship funds. Side by Side has service agreements with Medicaid's ICWP, Vocational Rehabilitation, and many Worker's Compensation Carriers.

HOURS AND LOCATION

Members may come to the Clubhouse any time between 8AM and 3:00 PM Monday –Friday. We are located at 1001 Main Street in the historic village of Stone Mountain. MARTA serves our location.

HOW TO REFER:

**DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION AT:
SIDEBYSIDECLUBHOUSE.ORG AND CALL
770-469-9355 TO SCHEDULE A TOUR**

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Work Ordered Day: Members and staff work side-by-side to accomplish the tasks necessary to keep the clubhouse going. Members are responsible for the day to day operations with assistance from staff primarily for decision making. Examples of activities are preparing lunch; answering phones; taking attendance; maintaining the yard and offices; job and school preparation. Members are valued for the strengths they bring rather than "treated" for the weaknesses that obstruct their progress.

Members who desire to work for pay or as a volunteer in the community receive assistance to meet their goals. They often return to the Clubhouse to give and receive support regarding the successes and challenges of employment.

Assessment: The Clubhouse model utilizes a practical form of evaluation based on professional observation and coworker interaction inherent in activities of the work ordered day. The staff consists of rehabilitation professionals in psychology, social work and vocational counseling. Formal vocational assessments and job analyses are charged separately and performed on a case by case basis.

Care Coordination / Life and Job Coaching:

Collaborative relationships develop between members and staff while working side-by-side. The outcome of this is trust, which is invaluable in supporting each member to manage life's responsibilities, create and fulfill personal goals, and communicate proactively with payers, employers, and support systems.

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