

## **MAXABILITIES OF YORK COUNTY**

**POLICY TITLE:** Consumer Elopement (formerly “Missing Persons”)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1991

**POLICY REVISION:** May 28, 2026  
January 24, 2019  
August 26, 2010  
February 1, 1999  
September 10, 1995

**REFERENCE:** OIDD (Office of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities) DD 100-10

**RELATED PROCEDURAL DOCUMENTS:** MaxAbilities Procedure: Consumer Elopement

**GENERAL:** MaxAbilities of York County (MaxAbilities) places a high priority on protecting the rights of the individuals supported by this agency (consumers) as well as promoting their decision making in all aspects of their lives. As such, care must be taken in providing overly restrictive levels of support. This philosophy of self-determination must also be balanced against the necessity to assure adequate supports are in place to maintain that individual’s health and safety. Both aspects (personal freedoms and health/safety needs) must be considered when developing each supported individual’s accountability/ supervision plan.

**PURPOSE:** This policy establishes the responsibility of MaxAbilities in developing a process for preventing and responding to a supported individual leaving and being absent from their assigned program beyond the time frames established in their individualized accountability/ supervision plan. This is defined as consumer elopement.

**PROCEDURE:** All related procedural documents are to be developed and maintained by the MaxAbilities CEO/designee in keeping with the dictates of the most current version of OIDD Departmental Directive 100-10.