Peer Counseling and Independent Living Skills Training, Mental Illness

Age Requirements No Age Requirement Available 24/7 No Other Eligibility Criteria Persons with mental illness Family No Intake Contact Marcia DuBois Intake Contact Email vail@govail.org **Intake Process** Call the office **Provider Refer** Yes Self Refer Yes Valley Associates for Independent Living, Inc. (VAIL) http://www.govail.org Main (540) 433-6513 Toll-Free (888) 242-8245 TTY/TTD (540) 438-9265 3210 Peoples Drive Suite 220 22801 VA United States Fee Structure Fee Range

Languages Spoken English

Spanish

Valley Associates for Independent Living, Inc. offers peer "counselors" to assist individuals with mental illness to develop and achieve independence and selfreliance. Through counseling, sharing of experiences in coping with the effects of disability, participants learn about the needs and resources to achieve their goals. Peer counseling can be on an individual basis, as well as group support. Also provides encouragement and information about community resources, sharing insights and perspectives from personal experience; consumers learn how to be selfadvocate.

Independent Living Skills: Persons with mental illness wanting to live independently can access training in any skill necessary to live in the community. Individual and group training is provided in several categories including: personal assistant management, building self-esteem, money management, navigating ones environment, meal preparation and grocery shopping, household maintenance, leisure and recreation. All programs are designed to meet individual needs.

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