

## **STAR Inc., Lighting the Way...**

### **ADULT DAY, RECREATION, AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES** **ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION**

Eligibility for services is established individually on the basis of STAR's ability to meet the needs of the person.

The following general criteria are used to determine eligibility for admission:

1. The applicant must be at least 18 years old. Under special circumstances, an applicant 14-18 years old may be accepted.
2. The applicant must be diagnosed as having a primary disability of "Developmentally Disabled/Mentally Retarded," and in need of habilitative services provided by the agency. Under special circumstances individuals having a primary diagnosis of either a physical, brain injury, or mental health disability will be considered.
3. The applicant must have a psychological examination within three years prior to admission. Persons otherwise qualified but lacking resources to obtain required psychological examinations will be considered for financial assistance from STAR to cover these costs.
4. The applicant must have a physical examination within one year prior to admission, be in satisfactory health, and be free of any communicable disease (other tests may be required for specific jobs, i.e. tine test for food services.) Persons otherwise qualified but lacking resources to obtain required medical examinations will be considered for financial assistance from STAR to cover these costs.
5. The applicant must complete the required admission referral forms, and provide copies of requested documents (i.e., reports from previous service providers, verification of employment eligibility, guardianship papers.)
6. The applicant must be third-party sponsored or agree to pay the established fee. In special circumstances, STAR may elect to accept a person without funding, or on a private-pay basis until funding becomes available.
7. Resident of Norwalk, Westport, Wilton, Weston, Darien, or New Canaan. On an individual basis, applicants outside of STAR's service area may be accepted.

\*Persons otherwise qualified are admitted to STAR's services without regard to race, color, creed, age or gender.