

Announcing A Cashless Society

Northeast Florida State Hospital (NEFSH) will implement a Cashless Society beginning February 18, 2008. On that date, all campus purchases by the people we serve will be performed by bank debit, validated by the individual's identification card. Special coupons will be used for vending machine purchases (the machines will still accept cash for visitors' purchases). The goal of this new system is to streamline banking processes and protect the assets of our more vulnerable individuals by reducing contraband on campus.

Implementation schedule for the Cashless Society is:

January 21, 2008

- Snack and can drink vending machines will be converted to accept coupons.
- Computer equipment will be installed at all purchase sites.
- All families, vendors and staff will be notified of program procedures.

February 18, 2008

- Cash will no longer be accepted at purchase sites on campus for the people we serve.
- Individuals will deposit all funds in the Mirage Mall Bank.
- Vending coupons will be available for purchase at Mirage Mall Bank.

February 29, 2008

- Cash will be considered contraband on campus.
- Individuals will still be able to access up to \$50.00/week if there are sufficient funds in their account.
- Individuals on money management will only be able to access the amount of money approved by the service team.
- These coupons cannot be redeemed for cash and cannot be used anywhere except the vending machines on campus.

Do not send cash through the mail or give cash to your loved ones when you visit. If you want to give them money, you may make a deposit to their account at the Mirage Mall Bank or through the Accounting Department. If the Bank or Accounting Department is not open, give money or checks to a staff member to be deposited in the person served account. The staff member will provide you with a receipt for the amount given for your friend or family member.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please call me, Sam Kitching at (904)259-6211, extension 1158.