

AVATIL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

AVATIL Mandate

AVATIL works with adolescents and adults who function at the level of a mild intellectual disability. AVATIL's goal is to promote the development of independent living skills and the confidence to achieve independent living.

Adult applicants (18 years and older) must meet the following criteria:

Applicants' level of disability is based on their functional living skills, psychological testing results and a realistic potential to live independently in the community.

Applicants must demonstrate a willingness and motivation to participate in the program.

Applicants must not require close monitoring or supervision of daily activities such as personal care and taking medication.

Applicants with an intellectual disability and a mental health diagnosis may also be accepted in the program. However, the limitations in functioning must stem primarily from cognitive limitations rather than a psychiatric condition. The symptoms must be well controlled by medication, and he/she must not present serious behavioural difficulties. The applicant must receive follow up from a family doctor or psychiatrist and a backup support plan must be established with the referral source.

Applicants with drug or alcohol problems will not be accepted in the program.

Applicants to the transitional living program must be at least 21 years of age (an exception may be made depending on the applicant's level of maturity). The applicant must be willing to cooperate with the residential program requirements. He/she must not require intensive health care or present any serious behavioural difficulties. Applicants must take medication on their own without supervision. A backup support plan must be established with the referral source in case the level of support needs changes.

Applicants requesting adolescent services must be at least 15 years of age.