

# Neuro-Affirming Polices and Practices

Below are a few examples of neuro-affirmative practices that can benefit everyone on your team and help create more psychological safety.

#### **SCHEDULING**

COMMUNICATION

- Offer options for shorter shifts or quiet, off-peak times.
- Accommodate preferences for repetitive or structured tasks.
- Provide instructions in multiple formats (written, verbal, visual).
- Use plain, clear language and avoid jargon and acronyms.

## ALLOW PROCESSING TIME

- Share procedure updates well in advance, allowing time for adjustment.
- Avoid last-minute changes (unless unavoidable) and offer immediate support.

### INCLUSIVE MEETINGS

- Share agendas and materials in advance to give time for processing.
- Offer the option to attend virtually or provide meeting notes afterward.

### SENSORY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

- Encourage fragrance-free environments.
- Use non-fluorescent lighting or provide anti-glare screens.

### **WORK FLOWS**

- Offer step-by-step guides and additional time for new employees to adjust.
- Allow staff to step away if the noise or energy becomes overwhelming.

