

How to Find and Select an Adult Family Home (AFH)

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Overview:

- What is an Adult Family Home (AFH)?
- How to locate an AFH
- Search process
- Placement
- Questions?

What is an Adult Family Home (AFH)?

- A residential home licensed for 2 to 6 adults who are not blood/marriage related to the person(s) providing care and services.
 - Medicaid
 - Private-pay
- Licensed by Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
 - Specialty designations: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Dementia
- Paid to provide personal care 24/7
- Not required to provide:
 - Transportation
 - 1:1 staffing*
 - Awake staff*

How to locate an AFH:

- Case Resource Manager and Performance and Quality Improvement Specialist
- Private Placement and Referral agencies
- AFH Locator:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/adsaapps/Lookup/AFHAdvLookup.aspx>
- Housing Search NW:
<http://www.housingsearchnw.org/AdultFamilyHomes.html>

Search Process:

- Making phone calls:
 - List/tracking system
 - Most recent assessment of care needs
 - Medicaid Daily Rate or private-pay status
 - Vacancies
 - “Deal-breakers”
- Visiting the AFH:
 - Sending assessment
 - Schedule time
 - Neighborhood
 - Other residents

Search Process (continued):

- Challenges:
 - Geographic needs/preferences
 - Vacancies
 - Individual needs/preferences and shared housing

Placement:

- Coordination
 - Furniture/belongings
 - Medications/delegation
- Adjustment
 - Ask for what you need
 - Negotiated Care Plan
- Not a good fit?
 - Communication!
 - It is your home
 - No “contract”

Additional Information:

- “Choosing Care in an Adult Family Home or Assisted Living Facility”

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SESA/publications/documents/22-707.pdf>

- Adult Family Home information:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/afh-information>

- Report Concerns: 1-800-562-6078

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/home-and-community-services/report-concerns-involving-vulnerable-adults>

Questions?

Contact your Case Manager

No Case Manager? Contact **1-800-974-4428**