

How to Advocate for AFHs

Comprehensive plans are a requirement of the Growth Management Act (GMA), which was passed about 20 years ago. Seven different sections are required to be in all Comprehensive Plans. One of the required sections is “Housing”. Check this section in your City’s Comprehensive Plan. It should have a subsection entitled “Special Needs Housing”. In this subsection, it should have list the type of special needs housing, such as, senior housing, foster care facilities, Etc. If Adult Family Homes for people with Developmental Disabilitites is not on the list, work with the City’s Planning Department to get it listed. By having it on the list, it opens the door to reduced fees and possibly a speedier permit process.