

FACT SHEET **Adult Foster Care**

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Providing a home environment for people who are elderly or who have disabilities

Learn More:

Contact your county social service office or the toll-free Aging and Disability Resources LINK at **1-855-462-5465** (1-855-GO2LINK)

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What is Adult Foster Care?

- A service that provides 24-hour residential care, seven days a week in a licensed family environment for unrelated individuals who need help with daily self-care tasks

Who receives Adult Foster Care services?

- Adults age 18 and older who are unable to live independently

What are the benefits of Adult Foster Care services?

Clients:

- Live in a licensed home of their choice in the community
- Have a private room they can decorate as they wish, or share a room with a roommate approved by them
- Receive consistent care from caregivers they know
- Have access to visitors and the community
- Have a lease that clearly shows room and board costs and household rules

Providers:

- Can care for people in their homes and receive a monthly payment for client care and room and board
- Can provide care long-term or for short-term emergency situations or respite for family caregivers
- Enjoy building relationships with clients and their families
- May work in partnership with other agencies to meet clients' needs

How can you become an Adult Foster Care provider?

- Contact your county social service office to enroll to become a Qualified Service Provider (paid caregiver). Tell them you want to provide Adult Foster Care services.
 - A background check will be completed.
- County staff will visit your home to ensure it meets health and safety standards and is accessible for people with disabilities.
- Review information and be sure you clearly understand your responsibilities.
- Once approved, you will be licensed by a Department of Human Services' regional human service center.
- Licensed providers can enter into a lease with up to four unrelated clients at a time to provide care and room and board.