

Family Home Agency



“I like living with Rhonda and Jim because I am part of their family, am comfortable in my own room, like eating meals together sometimes, and I enjoy going out in the community, to my day program, and do my own thing while also getting support when I need it.”

Samantha, Participant

Under the Family Home Agency (FHA) model, the FHA certifies Family Home Providers to support 1-2 Individuals who live in a Family Home Provider’s own home in the community. The FHA model is a flexible living option designed according to the specific needs and preferences of each Individual and is an alternative to living with family, independently, in a residential home, or in a developmental center.

The FHA certifies individuals and families in the community as Family Home Providers. Family Home Providers come from all different backgrounds and skill sets and receive a stipend to provide care and support for Individuals in their own homes.

- One or more certified Family Home Providers in each family home
- Individual participates in family life with the family
- Each Individual has a private bedroom
- 1-2 Individuals in each family home
- Flexibility to serve couples, Individuals with children, and 17-year-old transitioning youth
- The Family Home Provider assists with medication administration, support with daily living tasks, money management, scheduling and supporting to appointments, etc.
- All basic services such as meals, laundry, household cleaning, fresh linens, toiletry etc. are provided, similar to a Community Care Facility (CCF).
- An FHA Program Coordinator visits the family home at least monthly
- FHA staff provides monitoring and oversight of family home regulatory compliance quarterly
- Direct Support Professionals support additional community integration
- Consultation may include behavior intervention, counseling, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, etc.
- Overnight awake supervision is not available in an FHA family home
- The current board and care rate is typically paid with SSI similar to a licensed residential care home and the Individual receives Personal & Incidental (P&I) funds from SSI monthly

The matching process between an Individual and a Family Home Provider begins with introductory meet and greet meetings in one or more certified family homes. Once an initial match is made, an overnight visit is a good way to decide if there is a good fit between the Individual and all of the members of the family home.