

Community Care Facility



“It’s nice to live in a home with housemates that I get along with and like to hang out with. It’s nice to know that staff are available all the time if I need help with something, especially when I need help getting in and out of the shower.”

Raymond, Participant

Community Care Facilities (CCFs) are licensed by the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services to provide 24-hour non-medical residential care to children and adults with developmental disabilities who are in need of personal services, supervision, and/or assistance essential for self-protection or sustaining the activities of daily living. Based upon the types of services provided and the persons served, each CCF vendored by a regional center is designated one of the following service levels:

Individuals residing in CCF’s are commonly referred to as “residents” or “clients.” They may need personal services, protection or supervision, and assistance, guidance or training to adequately attend to self-care and activities of daily living. Such “care and supervision” is defined in Title 22 as providing one or more of the following:

- Assistance in dressing, grooming, bathing and other personal hygiene
- Assistance with “self-administered” medication
- Central storing and/or distribution of medications
- Arrangement of and assistance with medical and dental care
- Supervision of client schedules and activities
- Maintenance and/or supervision of client cash resources or property
- Monitoring food intake or special diets
- Providing “basic services”

Basic Services are defined as “Those services required by applicable law and regulation to be provided by the licensee in order to obtain and maintain a community care facility license.” These include:

- Lodging
- 3 meals, 3 between meal snacks, and prescribed modified diets
- Laundry
- Household cleaning
- A comfortable bed and fresh linens at least weekly
- Communication with family or other appropriate parties of resident needs
- Bedside care for minor, temporary illness
- Provision of essential personal hygiene items, including but not limited to toilet paper, toothbrush, toothpaste or denture cleanser, comb, soap, shampoo, and sanitary napkins
- Access to local telephone service
- Provision of, or arrangement for, transportation for emergency services and to fulfill the facility Plan Of Operation

Adult Residential Facility (ARFs) – Means any facility of any capacity that provides 24-hour-a-day nonmedical care and supervision to persons 18 years of age through 59 year of age, and persons over 59 whose needs are compatible with those of other clients if they require the same level of care and supervision as the other clients in the facility and the licensee is able to meet their needs.

Group Home (GHs) - Means a facility of any capacity which provides 24- hour care and supervision to children under the age of 18, provides services specified in pertinent regulations to a specific client group, and maintains a structured environment, with such services provided at least in part by staff employed by the licensee.

Small Family Home (SFHs) - Means any residential facility in the licensee's family residence providing 24-hour a day care for six or fewer children who are mentally disordered, developmentally disabled or physically handicapped and who require special care and supervision as a result of such disabilities.

Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFEs) - Means a housing arrangement chosen voluntarily by the resident, the resident's conservator or other responsible person, where 75% of the residents are 60 years of age or older and where varying levels of care and supervision are provided, as agreed to at time of admission or as determined necessary at subsequent times of reappraisal. Any younger residents must have needs compatible with other residents.