

Group Homes

Group Homes are community-based, residential facilities that typically serve 5- to twelve adults. The homes provide 24-hour instruction and support services for individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities. The services are based on individual need and shared support within a household. Services are offered in an integrated setting and support personal power, choice and full access to the community. Individuals pay monthly based on their income, which covers food and shelter.

Group homes are licensed as assisted living facilities or adult family homes in addition to being certified by DSHS' Residential Care Services Division. The license identifies the number of people allowed in each home.



Eligibility Requirements

Individuals:

- Enrolled and eligible Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) clients
- 18 years of age or older
- On or approved for the Home and Community Based Services Core Waiver
- Determined to need this level of service in their person-centered plan

Quality Assurance Oversight

- DSHS' Residential Care Services Division
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Washington State Department of Health
- DDA Office of Compliance, Monitoring, and Training
- DDA Office of Quality Assurance and Communications
- DSHS' Enterprise Risk Management Office

Stakeholders

- Individuals receiving services
- Families of program participants
- Self-advocates
- Advocacy organizations
- Counties
- Service providers

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Licensed group homes supported approximately 170 individuals statewide in 2019.