



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
AGING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION  
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May 5, 2021

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
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Yong P Elliott  
BETHEL HOUSE  
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RE: BETHEL HOUSE License #750035

Dear Provider:

The Department completed a full inspection of your Adult Family Home on May 5, 2021 and found that your home does not meet the adult family home licensing requirements listed below.

The Department staff who did the inspection and provided consultation:  
Kathleen Edder, Adult Family Home Licensur

**Consultation:**

**WAC 388-76-10165 Background checks Washington state name and date of birth background check Valid for two years National fingerprint background check Valid indefinitely.**

(1) A Washington state name and date of birth background check is valid for two years from the initial date it is conducted. The adult family home must ensure:

(a) A new DSHS background authorization form is submitted to the department's background check central unit every two years for each individual listed in WAC 388-76-10161 ;

(b) There is a valid Washington state background check for all individuals listed in WAC 388-76-10161 .

The Washington state background check for the Provider was two months overdue for renewal. Staff A's background check was current. There was always a qualified caregiver present in the home with the residents. The adult family home (AFH) submitted the application for the renewal immediately and received the Provider's Washington state background check within the week. The background check showed no negative findings. There was no harm to any resident.

**WAC 388-76-10695 Building codes Structural requirements.**

(1) For single family dwellings used as an adult family home after July 1, 2007, the home must ensure the building meets the requirements of WAC 51-51-0325 Section R325 if the building is:

(b) An existing building converted for use as an adult family home.

The adult family home (AFH) allowed one of six residents (Resident 4) to occupy an unlicensed bedroom from August 2020 to April 2021 in order to minimize the resident's exposure to the COVID-19 virus. The bedroom met all the requirements for licensure, but the AFH was unable to have the bedroom inspected due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time. There was no harm to the resident. The AFH requested and obtained licensure of the bedroom during its first full licensing inspection after the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

**WAC 388-76-10725 Electronic monitoring equipment Resident requested use.**

(2) If the resident requests audio or video monitoring, before any electronic monitoring occurs the home must ensure:

(d) The resident and the home have agreed upon a specific duration for the electronic monitoring documented in writing.

(3) The home must:

(a) Reevaluate the need for the electronic monitoring with the resident at least quarterly; and

(b) Have each reevaluation in writing signed and dated by the resident.

(6) For the purposes of consenting to audio electronic monitoring, the term "resident includes only:

(b) The resident's court-appointed guardian or attorney-in-fact who has obtained a court order specifically authorizing the court-appointed guardian or attorney-in-fact to consent to audio electronic monitoring of the resident.

(7) If the resident's decision maker consents to audio electronic monitoring as specified in subsection (6) above, the home must maintain a copy of the court order authorizing such consent in the resident's record.

The adult family home (AFH) installed an audio monitor in the bedroom of one of six residents (Resident 4) at the request of their representative as a way of providing the resident immediate verbal access to the staff at night. The AFH obtained written consent for the monitor, but did not place a time limit on the use of the monitor and did not ask the representative to obtain a court order for the use of the monitor. There was no harm to the resident. The AFH removed the monitor immediately and ordered a floor mat alarm.

You Must:

- Begin the process of correcting the deficiency or deficiencies immediately; and
- Complete correction as soon as possible.

You Are Not:

- Required to submit a plan-of-correction for the deficiency or deficiencies found.

The Department May:

- Inspect the home to determine if you have corrected all deficiencies.

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You May:

- Ask for an informal dispute resolution meeting, according to the attached "Informal Dispute Resolution" instructions; and
- Ask questions and provide written information to help clarify or dispute the deficiencies.

**If You Have Any Questions:**

- Please contact me at (253) 983-3826.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Cramer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lisa Cramer, Field Manager  
Region 3, Unit A  
Residential Care Services

Enclosure