



BECOME A PROJECT HOME PROVIDER

SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

What is Project Home?

Project Home is a program that provides housing to adults who need supervision and assistance with activities of daily living and who are unable to live by themselves. Project Home providers offer care in their own homes to one to four residents who have a disability.

Providers must be certified by the local department of social services Project Home Case Manager. Certification may include an environmental safety inspection and a fire safety inspection of the home.

Who are the residents?

Residents are adults who are 18 years of age and older, who have a mental, developmental or physical disability or who are elderly and are unable to live alone. To enroll in Project Home, potential residents must be able to live in a family setting; to take advantage of community resources and program activities; and to maintain or develop the skills they need to live in the least restrictive environment possible.

Who can be a Project Home provider?

A provider can be someone 21 years of age or older who is living in the home where care will be provided and has the willingness to assist an adult with a disability to continue living in the community. A provider must have sufficient income to meet their own household expenses without relying on Project Home reimbursement funds.

What kind of help is given to a provider?

Every resident has a case manager. The case manager works cooperatively with the provider and community service agencies. Each resident receives services and appropriate referrals to other community services including services offered through the local department of social services.

What is the Case manager's role?

Clients are assigned a case manager by the local Department of Social Services. The case managers will:

- Assess the resident and inform the provider regarding the resident's current and potential strengths, weaknesses, and needs as known at time of placement.
- Develop an individualized service plan agreement for the resident. The plan will be reassessed and revised at least every 6 months or as needed.
- Assist in resolving concerns related to the resident's adjustment in the home and assist the resident in obtaining supportive services to maximize his/her functioning.

How is the provider reimbursed?

Providers are reimbursed for the care of each resident according to the resident's needs and based on a level of care system established by the Project Home program. Reimbursements are not considered taxable income. Residents contribute to their cost of care and may be eligible to receive financial assistance from the local department of social services through the Public Assistance to Adults and the Medical Assistance program.