

Northern Arizona Programs for Developmentally Disabled Individuals

The Role of Developmental Home Providers

Developmental Home Providers must:

- Adhere to the Arizona Department of Economic Security/Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) licensing standards;
- Provide care to special needs individual(s) in a family home setting with a ratio of one adult for every two residents;
- Provide a separate bedroom that consists of a bed, closet and dresser;
- Provide a structured, behaviorally-based treatment program in their home;
- Provide support and acceptance of the resident's culture and religion;
- Be an important member of the resident's treatment team;
- Develop teaching strategies to achieve the goals of each resident's individualized support plan;
- Assist residents in achieving and maintaining a quality of life that promotes their vision of the future;
- Be able to identify community resources and programs to help the resident's individualized support plan;
- Coordinate services of all involved entities including day treatment, school, and health care providers;
- Promote the physical, emotional and mental well-being of each resident;
- Assist each resident in starting and maintaining friendships;
- Provide opportunities for residents to participate in community activities and utilize community resources;
- Provide a reliable, properly insured vehicle in order to transport the resident to necessary appointments and programs;
- Provide nutritious meals;
- Account for all residents' property and expenditures;
- Provide a locking cabinet for medication and sharp objects;
- Maintain a resident file according to prescribed standards; and
- Plan and take regular respite.

How Intermountain Supports the Developmental Home Providers

Intermountain Centers staff members:

- Provide a comprehensive training program and continuing education opportunities to help Providers obtain and keep their Developmental Home license active;
- Assign a coordinator to each Home who contacts the Providers weekly to supply resources/support whenever needed and is available for daily telephone contact;
- Work with each Provider throughout the licensing process, including the initial home study and all licensing review;
- Provide mentors who are Developmental Home Providers that assist in training and who support each Provider during the first few months of care provision; and
- Provide crisis intervention services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Developmental Home Providers Training Program

The Developmental Home Providers Training Program:

- Is designed to be experiential and participatory,
- Utilizes classroom learning and direct experience working with developmentally disabled individuals,
- Offers experiential learning in group home and developmental home settings, and
- Is offered at varied times to accommodate different schedules and lifestyles.

Developmental Home Providers Requirements for Licensing

- FBI Fingerprint Clearance
- Valid Arizona Driver's License
- Five Year Motor Vehicle Report
- Proof of Adequate Vehicle and Homeowner's or Renter's Liability Insurance Coverage
- Fire and Health Inspections Completed
- Physical Exam by Approved Medical Facility
- Negative TB Skin Test
- First Aid/CPR Certification
- License to Operate a Developmental Home in the State of Arizona

Why Intermountain Developmental Home Providers Are So Successful

- They have a high level of commitment to special needs persons.
- They are highly trained.
- They understand and can implement an effective individualized service plan in their own home.
- They are contributing members of the resident's treatment team.
- They are able to communicate their needs and the needs of their charges.
- They have access to a strong network of peers and professionals that back them up every step of the way (day or night!)

The benefits of being a Developmental Home Provider are many. Each Provider has the opportunity to have a fulfilling relationship with a child or adult with special needs, has the ability to work in their own home, has opportunities for professional and personal growth in challenging field, and has meaningful compensation available to them.

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