



For more information on becoming a Family-Type Home for Adults operator, contact your county department of social services, ocfs.ny.gov/directories/localdss.php

In New York City, contact the Human Resources Administration Division of Voluntary and Proprietary Homes for Adults **212-331-3351** and **212-331-3722**



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For the phone number of your local APS unit, call the Adult Services Help Line at the Human Services Call Center **1-844-697-3505**

OCFS HEARS Family Line
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1-888-55HEARS Or 1-888-554-3277
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

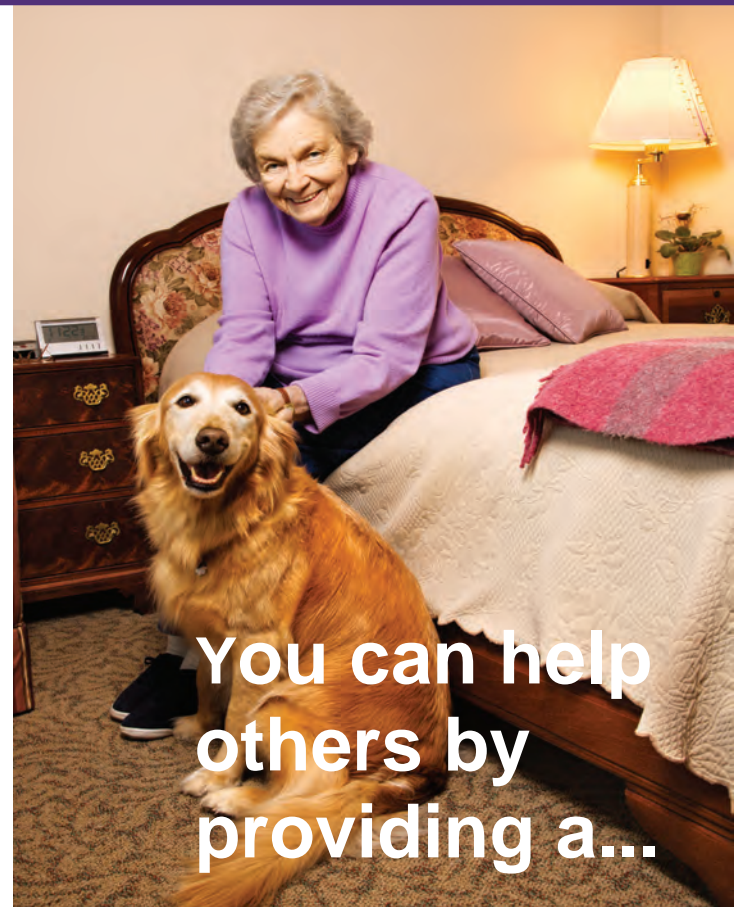
For information on the Abandoned Infant Protection Act, call:
1-866-505-SAFE (7233)

For foster care and adoption information, call:
1-800-345-KIDS (5437)

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Family-Type Home for Adults

What is a Family-Type Home for Adults?



A Family-Type Home for Adults (FTHA) is a type of adult care facility provided for adults who cannot live on their own.

They are private homes or apartments, either owned or rented by the operator. Care is provided in a family-type atmosphere.

The home is limited to up to four residents unrelated to the operator. (For purposes of the FTHA program, an operator does not require licensure to care for the operator's spouse, parent or parent-in-law, child or stepchild.) Up to two boarders (who must be living independently and do not require care) are also permitted, with prior approval of the local FTHA coordinator.

Who can live in a Family-Type Home for Adults?

Residents are people 18 years of age and older who cannot live alone, but are still able to live in a home-like environment.

They may not be able to maintain a home because of advanced age, or physical or developmental disabilities, but do not need the skilled medical and nursing services provided in nursing homes.

Some may need supervision and assistance with personal care (such as bathing, dressing, grooming, and assistance with medications).

Residents are not confined to the home. They often go to treatment programs, medical or social day care or senior citizen centers, and take part in other community activities.



Who can operate a Family-Type Home for Adults?

A Family-Type Home for Adults can be operated by anyone who enjoys helping others become as independent as possible.

No specialized education or experience is required beyond homemaking skills and common sense.

Operators must be "natural persons" or "natural person partnerships" rather than corporations or limited liability companies.

What kinds of services do Family-Type Home for Adults provide?

Family-Type Home for Adults provide:

- **Meals**-three meals a day and a nutritious snack
- **Medication management**-assistance for those residents who need help with medications
- **Money management**-residents manage their own financial affairs, but can use a home-maintained account or may have the operator safely hold property or valuables in their care as needed
- **Personal care**
- **Supervision**
- **Social support**-encourage residents to maintain ties with family and friends and participate in home and community activities
- **Housekeeping and laundry**

How much does it cost to live in one of these homes?

Prices are not regulated by the state, so the cost to live in a family-type home may vary from home to home or region to region.

A Family-Type Home for Adults is a small business and operators can set their own rate and negotiate a rate with a resident (or their representative). Rates are documented in writing upon admission to the home. Also some operators accept the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit.

For more information go to ocfs.ny.gov/programs/adult-svcs/ftha/