

ADULT FAMILY FOSTER CARE

Becoming an adult family foster care provider is a big decision. It is a commitment to allow an adult with special needs to live in your home and become part of your daily life. Adults in foster care often work and are very active in the community. As an adult foster care provider you assist these adults to live their life to the fullest. In addition to providing room and board in a safe, nurturing environment, you may also be called upon to provide assistance with transportation, filling out medical benefit and related forms, supervising medication, and other special needs care. You will be working closely with the County Community Services Department and the adult's family/guardians to develop a plan and your role in the plan.

To become an adult family foster care provider you must be willing to adjust your lifestyle to serve the special needs adult under your care. You can work or stay at home. You can be licensed for up to four adults in your home depending on your home size and your individual availability to provide care and assistance.

Frequently asked questions:

- You can own or rent your home although it must be your primary residence, and in Crow Wing County. If you rent your home you do need to have permission from your landlord. All homes must be inspected by a fire marshal. There is a \$50 charge for this inspection.
- You must provide each adult with their own room. The room needs to be furnished with a single bed, dresser, closet and mirror. There needs to be covering over the window either blinds or curtains.
- You are required to develop your own adult foster care plan. You can decide what services and level of supervision you are willing and able to provide.
- Payment for care varies depending on the needs of the person through an assessment process conducted by the person's County Social Worker. Crow Wing County can provide you information on how to obtain a Medical Assistance number, and learn how to bill for your services.
- These are additional check lists, enclosed, that can assist you in learning about physical housing requirements and documentation requirements.
 - [Link to Rule 203 Checklist](#)
 - [Link to Adult Foster Care Program Plan](#)

All adult foster care providers and anyone in their home over the age of 13 are required to have a criminal background study completed. These studies are done through MN DHS Net Study. The cost is \$20 per person. To complete the background study you need to have an email address and be in the process of adult foster care licensure through Crow Wing County. You can review the background study process at www.dhs.state.mn.us/licensing. Click on "background studies" then "NetStudy".

Thank you for your interest in becoming licensed for adult foster care. For more information or to obtain application materials you can call Amanda Crandall, Adult and Child Foster Care Licenser at (218)822-7015 or email at amanda.crandall@crowwing.us.

We look forward to working with you!