

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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## ALTSA: AFH #2016-018 REVISIONS TO THE ADULT FAMILY HOME LOCATOR

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

In 2013, the legislature passed Substitute Senate Bill 5630 and made changes to RCW 70.128, the state laws that govern adult family homes (AFH). This legislation required DSHS to post on the consumer orientated web site inspection and investigation reports and any enforcement actions by the department for the previous three years. This legislation is intended to provide comprehensive information that is user-friendly to residents, family members and prospective residents regarding the AFHs in the state of Washington.

We are excited to announce that in the upcoming months you will see the following changes to the AFH Locator:

- "Understanding these Reports" link has been added; this will explain terms used in the reports.
- When you click on "View Reports", the following report categories will be listed:
  - Enforcement Letters
  - Investigations contains investigative summary reports, statement of deficiency/attestation reports and plans of correction from substantiated complaint investigations
  - Inspections contains statement of deficiency/attestation reports and plan of correction from the full inspection
- The back in compliance letter will be also be posted in the investigation and inspection report category, i.e. the follow-up inspection letter will be posted in the "Inspections" category.

Thank you for your continued commitment to adult family home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director Residential Care Services

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