

# AGING AND LONG TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION

AFH Technical Assistance

## 2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET



Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	7.0	7.0	7.0
GF-State	\$352,000	\$331,000	\$683,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$703,000</b>	<b>\$661,000</b>	<b>\$1,364,000</b>

### DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Aging and Long Term Support Administration (AL TSA) requests additional staffing in Residential Care Services' (RCS) Adult Family Home (AFH) program in order to assist AFH providers to comply with facility statutory requirements through implementation of quality improvement principles. The primary function of these requested positions will be to provide AFH regulatory compliance technical assistance. By funding this request, RCS will be able to promote more positive resident and provider satisfaction with the AFH Program, enhance facility compliance, and improve resident quality of life, safety, and quality of care.

### PROBLEM STATEMENT

Adult Family Homes are providing care for an increasingly complex resident population. There currently is no AL TSA program or other resources to provide sorely needed AFH regulatory compliance technical assistance. RCW 70.128.005 mandates that AFHs are an important part of the state's long-term care system. It is critical that these homes operate in a consistent regulatory compliant manner. Additionally, pursuant to RCW 70.128.007, AL TSA desires to maintain AFHs that provide a safe, humane, and residential home environment for persons with functional limitations to a growing number of residents needing services.

### PROPOSED SOLUTION

The AL TSA is committed to empowering adults who are older and people with disabilities to remain independent and supported in the setting of their choice. These staffing resources play an important role in our ability to support AFHs and the clients they serve. By funding this decision package:

- \* Facilities will receive guidance for preparing for annual surveys and for identifying resident safety and abuse concerns;
- \* AFH quality programs will be strengthened and standardized;
- \* AL TSA and AFHs will partner to meet the regulatory intent of RCW 70.128.270 to improve care and services and reduce incidents of abuse and neglect; and,
- \* Compliance will be sustained when patterns of consistent non-compliance are identified.



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### EXPECTED RESULTS

The budget request supports DSHS Goal 2: Safety – Each individual and each community will be safe. The decision package is essential to implementing the ALTSA’s Strategic Objective 2.1: Affirm Adult Family Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and Nursing Homes are providing quality care and residents are safe through timely licensing re-inspections.

This request supports the Results Washington Goal 4: Healthy and Safe Communities – Fostering the health of Washingtonians from a healthy start to a safe and supported future. By preparing AFHs to better understand AFH licensing requirements, assisting them with pre-emptively identifying potential Resident abuse areas of concern and strengthening AFH Quality Assurance Programs, we can decrease the number of AFHs closed as a result of regulatory non-compliance, increase the percentage of supported seniors and individuals with a disability served in home and community-based settings, and decrease the percentage of vulnerable adult abuse and neglect investigations open longer than 90 days.

### STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

The ALTSA expects that Washington State Residential Care Counsel (WSRCC) and other stakeholders will strongly endorse this decision package.



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