

DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration Group Training Homes

Overview

Group Training Homes offer person-centered instruction and support in a community-based, residential facility that typically serve five to 12 adults. The services are based on individual need and shared support within the household. Services are offered in an integrated setting and support personal power, choice and full access to the community. Service varies from a few hours to up to 24 hours per day.

Group Training Homes are provider owned or leased. Individuals living in a Group Training Home keep a portion of their monthly income for personal needs. The remainder of the individual's income is used to cover food, shelter and the cost of care based on income and type of income.

Group Training Homes contract statewide with DSHS' Developmental Disabilities Administration and are certified by DSHS' Residential Care Services Division.

Eligibility Requirements

DDA clients who are:

- 18 years of age or older.
- Currently on or approved for Home and Community-Based Services' Core waiver.
- Assessed to need support in a Group Training Home to meet their health and welfare needs in their Person-Centered Service Plan.



Budget

A total of 171 individuals were supported in Group Training Homes statewide, as of Sept. 1, 2023.

Rates

Group Training Home rates are based on the client's assessment and a tiered rate is determined. The reimbursement for each tier can be found in the "SL and GH" tab at [Developmental Disabilities rates](#).

Partners

- Individuals receiving services.
- Families of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Self-advocates.
- Advocacy organizations.
- Counties.
- Service providers.
- DSHS' Residential Care Services Division.

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Oversight

DSHS uses a formal process to evaluate provider compliance with laws, DDA policies and the DDA contract. DSHS' RCS Division conducts certification evaluation of the contracted agencies at least every two years.

The RCS Division investigates complaints of abuse, neglect, exploitation, financial exploitation or mistreatment of clients.

External

- DSHS' Residential Care Services Division.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- Office of the Washington State Auditor.
- Washington State Department of Health.

Internal

- DDA Office of Compliance, Monitoring and Training.
- DDA Office of Quality Programs and Stakeholder Involvement.



Authority

[Chapter 71A RCW](#), Developmental disabilities

[Chapter 388-825 WAC](#), DD service rules

[Chapter 388-828 WAC](#), DDA assessment

[Chapter 388-101 WAC](#), Certified residential services and supports

[Chapter 388-101D WAC](#), Requirements for providers of residential services and supports