

E.2: Contracted care homes for adults

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Purpose

This policy describes the underpinnings of the contracted care home model for adults.

Policy

1. Disability Services supports clients to live as independently as possible, while accommodating for their disability-related needs.
2. Disability Services is committed to principles of community inclusion and integration.
3. Adult clients may be eligible for placement in a contracted care home, depending on their care needs, and appropriate fit with the contracted caregivers.
4. Contracted care home applicants must complete a home study process and be approved by the manager in order to become part of the contracted care home program and be considered for a client placement.
5. Disability Services may place restrictions on the contracted care home, in terms of number of clients, specific clients placed in the home, or other restrictions as relevant.
6. Disability Services determines which clients may be placed in the home, in collaboration with the contracted caregivers.
 - Contracted caregivers may decline the placement of any client they do not feel is a good fit for their home.
 - Contracted caregiver or client may request a move if they do not feel the client is a good fit in the home.
7. Contracted caregivers are not legal guardians of the client and have no legal decision-making authority over clients placed in their home.
8. Contracted caregivers are responsible for reviewing, understanding, and abiding by the contents and requirements of their contract.
9. Contracted caregivers provide care services under a contract, but are not employees of Government of Yukon.
10. Being approved as a contracted care home is not a guarantee of client placement.
11. Contracted caregivers are not landlords as defined by the *Residential Landlord Tenant Act* (Yukon). They are contracted to meet specific care needs of the clients placed in their home.

Definitions

Client: An individual with a disability who receives services from Disability Services.

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Contracted caregiver: An individual who has been approved by and enters into a contract with DS to provide care to a specific client; cannot be a parent of the client, but may be a relative.

Guardian: A person appointed by the Yukon Supreme Court to make decisions on behalf of a person with a disability.

Home study: An interview process wherein DS determines a contracted care home applicant's suitability to provide supported living care to a DS client; process involves interviews, security checks for all adults in the home, references, and medical clearances.

Authorities

- Health Act (Yukon)
- Financial Administration Act (Yukon)
- Care Consent Act (Yukon)
- Adult Protection and Decision-Making Act (Yukon)

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