

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

ISSUE: When an older adult or an adult with a developmental, physical, or mental health disability can no longer care for themselves in their own home, they are at greater risk of abuse, neglect, and injury. Nursing homes are an appropriate care setting for some, but are very expensive. The State prefers to invest in community-based care settings rather than nursing homes because they reduce Medicaid costs and offer a more homelike setting.

PROGRAM GOAL: The Adult Care Home Program (ACHP) is responsible for the safety and quality of all adult care homes in Multnomah County. It ensures that residents are safe and receive personalized and culturally relevant care from well-trained staff. The State allows ACHP to create a set of local licensing rules called the Multnomah County Administrative Rules (MCARs). The MCARs meet or exceed state requirements. They ensure the highest quality and safety for residents.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Adult care homes are licensed, single family residences that offer 24-hour care for up to five adult residents in a homelike setting. Homes specialize in caring for one of three populations: older adults, adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or adults with behavioral health or addiction needs. All ACHs offer individualized care while supporting and honoring residents' independence, cultural needs, and choices.

Before a new home can be licensed, ACHP reviews and approves all applications and inspects the home for suitability. They conduct background checks and role approvals for staff. All homes are licensed annually and monitored quarterly via unannounced home visits from ACHP staff. In-person inspections monitor compliance with the MCARs. Homes that don't follow the rules must take corrective actions, which can include retraining, fines, or home closure. ACHP gives technical help and training for operators and staff to prevent the need for corrective actions.

ACHP is proud of the cultural and linguistic diversity of adult care home operators and staff in Multnomah County. This helps ensure that residents are cared for in a safe and respectful environment that suits their needs.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- License adult care homes operating in Multnomah County.
- Visit adult care homes to ensure compliance with rules and regulations.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of licensed homes in operation throughout the fiscal year ¹	653	660	660	650 ¹
Output	Number of licensing and monitoring visits ²	N/A	N/A	1,100	1,500

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹ACHP is experiencing a decrease in IDD home application submissions due to the number of vacant beds and lack of IDD consumers needing housing. In addition, Adults and People with Disabilities (APD) rates remain low despite the increased cost of living and operating expenses in Multnomah County. "Licensed homes" includes actively licensed homes, new applications processed, homes that were licensed during the FY, and homes that were closed during this period.

²New Measure. Includes monitoring inspections and scheduled monitoring visits made by ACHP staff.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County has a contract with the Oregon Department of Human Services to administer the licensing, monitoring, and training functions of Adult Care Homes. The Board of County Commissioners passed Multnomah County Resolution §23.66 - §223.999 establishing the Adult Care Home Program.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$4,627,039	\$0	\$4,776,691
Contractual Services	\$280,420	\$440,000	\$99,062	\$453,765
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$18,234	\$0	\$35,879
Internal Services	\$0	\$1,329,589	\$0	\$1,361,665
Total GF/non-GF	\$280,420	\$6,414,862	\$99,062	\$6,628,000
Program Total:	\$6,695,282		\$6,727,062	
Program FTE	0.00	32.00	0.00	31.00

Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$362,780	\$0	\$340,820
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$5,999,862	\$0	\$6,199,235
Service Charges	\$0	\$52,220	\$0	\$87,945
Total Revenue	\$0	\$6,414,862	\$0	\$6,628,000

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$687,843 in indirect revenues.
\$6,199,235 - Title XIX (Federal)
\$340,820 - Adult Care Home Program License Fees (Local)
\$60,000 - Adult Care Home Program Fines (Local)
\$27,945 - Adult Care Home Program Other Fees (Local)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 25022 ADVSD Adult Care Home Program

Decreased by 1.00 FTE Program Technician.