



CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL

SUPERVISION AND STRUCTURE FOR CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Often referred to as CLAs (Community Living Arrangements), group homes offer the most supervision and structure of any of the residential services offered by **df**s. Occupancy is limited to a maximum of four children and is supervised 24 hours a day. Staff assist the children with daily living skills. While living in the group home, the children develop different life skills like personal care, home care, social interaction and recreation. An Individual Service Plan is developed with the participation of the child and family.

Each group home is supervised by a Residential Program Supervisor who does not work directly in the house. Homes are managed by the Assistant Program Director. All group homes are inspected and licensed annually by the Department of Public Welfare, Western Region Office of Children, Youth and Families.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The **df**s office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The group home offers 24 hour staff supervision. Most meetings regarding the children will take place during regular business hours. Family participation in the development of service plans is important; therefore, the meetings could occur at other times to gain maximum participation in the development of the plan.



FEE SCHEDULE

Currently, referrals for this service are received from County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Agencies or County Children and Youth Agencies. Most people do not have to pay any fees. However, some families of individuals less than 21 years of age may be assessed a liability. If you are interested in this service, please contact your County Case Manager.

BENEFITS

Children will have the opportunity to live in a home and be active members of their community. They will be afforded the chance to have the "Every Day Life" experienced by other people. They will receive assistance as needed in developing the skills that will enhance this experience. Their medical needs will be monitored by agency personnel including trained Direct Care Staff, a Residential Program Supervisor, and a Registered Nurse.

SUCCESS RATE

Current satisfaction rating is 89% from the clients and 90% from their family members.

CHOICE It is important to everyone.

That's why we provide a variety of residential options. If a group home isn't right for you, or your family member, we also provide:

- Family Living
- In-Home Services
- Home Habilitation

We would be pleased to talk to you and assist you in deciding which option may be best.

MORE INFORMATION

Additional information about this service can be obtained by contacting Nancy J. Tusinac, M.Ed. Program Director at 724-346-2123 ext. 5529.



WHY CHOOSE dFs?

- ▶ We **have been providing services** to people with intellectual disabilities for **25 years**.
- ▶ **Family is our middle name.** We welcome everyone as a member of our family.
- ▶ Clients and their families are well-satisfied with our services with a **5-year satisfaction average of 89%**.
- ▶ We provide services **close to home** in Mercer, Crawford, Venango, and Lawrence Counties.



Services are provided and admissions and referrals made without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, handicap or and age.

dFs is an EEO employer.

Celebrating Our 25 Years of Service

FAST FACTS ABOUT dFs

- We have been serving Mercer County for 25 years.
- We have a volunteer governing Board of Directors which is made-up of community members, clients & family members.
- We have helped over 250 children through our specialized foster program, 17 of whom have been adopted.
- We serve over 175 families each year through our services to people with intellectual disabilities & children & youth.
- We provide a variety of residential services in 10 group homes and a supervised apartment building.
- We provide pre-vocational services to people with intellectual disabilities at our adult training facility and also provide supported employment.
- We employ 145 people and put almost 2.6 million dollars back into our community through employee wages.
- Approximately 96% of the people we serve are in the low income bracket.
- Approximately 13% of the people we serve represent a minority group.
- Our clients gave us high marks for satisfaction with our services, with a 5 year average of 90%.
- Our annual budget is approximately \$5 million
- We are a regional provider, serving clients from several counties including: Crawford, Lawrence, Beaver, and Venango Counties.
- Donations to us are Tax Deductible – we are a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.
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