

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Adult Care Home Program through licensing, training and monitoring ensures affordable quality care in a homelike, culturally appropriate setting for up to 2,516 frail and vulnerable adults. Without the care provided in these 560 homes, many residents would be placed in nursing homes. All homes are licensed under State law and County ordinance, and offer 24 hour supervision and service.

Program Description

The program licenses adult care homes and ensures that vulnerable residents receive affordable quality care, by training operators and monitoring the homes for quality and adherence to the Multnomah County Administrative Rules (MCARs). Each individual living in an adult care home is to be treated respectfully and receive quality health care. Program monitors inspect homes to ensure residents receive appropriate care which includes personal care, nutrition, physical safety, nursing care and medication management. Monitors also observe interactions in the home ensuring residents are provided with social and recreational activities. When problems are found, this program takes corrective action. Frequent monitoring reduces the risk of abuse and neglect in these homes.

The program provides technical assistance to providers and enforces verbal/written sanctions or fines when there are serious deficits. All homes are licensed yearly.

Program Justification

This program offer links directly to Basic Living Needs Priority strategies by ensuring care for seniors and people with disabilities, offering a care alternative that is affordable, and preventing impoverishment.

Affordable long term care option: Adult Care Homes offer affordable, quality long-term care options for frail, elderly and people with disabilities desiring to live in the community. Without this option many frail and elderly individuals would be placed in a more costly nursing home with an average statewide cost of \$5,200 per month. The average statewide monthly cost in an adult care home is \$1,286, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars every year and preventing poverty for private pay residents. Finally, without these homes the quality of life would be diminished for both Medicaid and private pay residents.

Access to Care: Adult Care Homes provide medication management, help with dressing, bathing and personal hygiene, nursing care, meal preparation, dining room and feeding assistance when necessary, daily housekeeping, laundry and organized activities.

Economic Development: Adult Care Homes are small businesses. In addition to providing a necessary care option, these homes generate approximately \$23 million yearly in Multnomah County and employ about 1,500 people.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Adult care homes licensed & inspected yearly ¹	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Outcome	Adult care homes found in compliance w/Multnomah County Administrative Rules	89.0%	89.0%	90.0%	92.0%
Quality	Residents satisfied or very satisfied ²	0.0%	90.0%	84.0%	0.0%
Efficiency	Adult care home/Nursing home cost efficiency ratio ³	0.0%	45.0%	25.0%	25.0%

Performance Measure - Description

 **Measure Changed**

¹Changed number of homes licensed and inspected to % licensed and inspected yearly.

²Collected by survey conducted every two years by Portland State University. Budget reductions have contributed to a decline in resident satisfaction because program sponsored training and technical assistances have been reduced.

³The ratio is Adult care home cost as a % of nursing home cost. Lower % indicates better performance. A new measure in FY07 and % estimate was high. Actual performance better than expected.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County has a contract with the State of Oregon to administer the licensing and training functions of the Adult Care Homes. The Board of County Commissioners passed Multnomah County Resolution § 23.600 - § 23.999 establishing the Adult Care Home Program.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2007	2007	2008	2008
Program Expenses				
Personnel	\$145,320	\$587,985	\$89,764	\$787,533
Contracts	\$33,469	\$224,254	\$21,153	\$306,276
Materials & Supplies	\$4,361	\$17,445	\$3,325	\$22,332
Internal Services	\$22,140	\$110,746	\$17,545	\$144,495
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$205,290	\$940,430	\$131,787	\$1,260,636
Administration	\$12,881	\$31,709	\$9,219	\$33,716
Program Support	\$23,850	\$20,793	\$27,173	\$22,664
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$36,731	\$52,502	\$36,392	\$56,380
Total GF/non-GF:	\$242,021	\$992,932	\$168,179	\$1,317,016
Program Total:	\$1,234,953		\$1,485,195	
Program FTE	1.80	7.20	1.13	9.87
Program Revenues				
Indirect for dep't Admin	\$6,228	\$0	\$17,439	\$0
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$180,894	\$0	\$377,276
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$759,536	\$0	\$883,360
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$52,502	\$0	\$56,380
Total Revenue:	\$6,228	\$992,932	\$17,439	\$1,317,016

Explanation of Revenues

The Adult Care Home Program generates revenue through licensing fees, training fees and fines. Further, the Governor's budget for the '07-'09 biennium provides equity for Area Agencies on Aging and Disability, funding local governments at 95% of state costs; it does not include funding for local cost differential requiring local match to continue current service level. Federal officials lowered the Medicaid match rate from 45/55 to 46/54 as a result of an improved Oregon economy, decreasing the federal share. Budget reflects anticipated approval of a \$25 criminal record check fee and a \$20 increase in bed licensing fees for FY08.

Significant Program Changes

✔ Significantly Changed

Last year this program was: #25022, ADS Adult Care Home Program

Overall County General Fund request for ADS programs is reduced by \$443,735 due to increases in the Governor's proposed budget.

This program offer reflects anticipated approval of a \$25 criminal record check fee and a \$20 increase in bed licensing fees for FY08. These fees will be used to restore positions lost during past state budget cuts and will be devoted to improving quality and training providers.

Change in measure:

Number of homes licensed/inspected yearly: FY06: 564; FY07 Purchased: 560; FY07 Estimate: 560.