



RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTS-GROUP HOMES

Diversified Enterprises *Group Homes* provide 24-hour personal support with daily living tasks (medication administration, oversight of all health and wellness needs, household maintenance, cooking, money management, shopping, recreation and socialization, etc.) for adults with developmental disabilities. The focus of all activities are to build confidence, promote growth and provide individuals with the tools they need to support a full and meaningful life.

Group homes are leased by the agency to provide residential services. Additional service funding is authorized to these homes to provide needed supports. Nursing supports (RN / LPN) are available as needed. Room and board is typically paid by the person supported Social Security income (SSI/SSDI). Each home is licensed and monitored by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and typically serves 3-4 individuals per home. All bedrooms are individual. Staffing patterns include awake overnight coverage.

Program Goals:

Residential supports program goals are centered on the agency's mission: To create opportunities that empower individuals supported to live, work and participate fully in their communities. Services include a range of interventions that focus on training and support in one or more of the following areas: eating and drinking, personal care/hygiene, health maintenance, communication, interpersonal relationships, mobility, home management and use of leisure time. The vision of all our services is to: release the potential of individuals supported to live the life they love.

Program Location:

Tifton, Georgia and Adel, Georgia

Services/Benefits Provided:

Services and supports are focused on home and community integration, engagement in productive activities, lifespan issues, and the person's needs, strengths, abilities, and preferences. Residential services provide intense levels of residential support and include interventions focusing on training and support in personal development and life skills including a focus on orientation to community, health and wellness support /education, menu planning and meal preparation, environmental safety, advocacy and decision-making, and maintaining a home. Services are provided under the categories of *Community Residential Alternative Services (CRA)*

Populations served:

- ❖ Individuals over 16 years of age or older with a Developmental Disabilities that are eligible for waiver funding through DBHDD.

Admission criteria:

- ✓ Must have a documented disability
- ✓ Eligible for Medicaid Waiver or Private Funding.
- ✓ Ability to benefit from services within the levels of staffing provided under current funding structures.
- ✓ Medical needs do not necessitate skilled Nursing Care exceeding authorized services
- ✓ Must be 16 years or older
- ✓ Must be medically stable prior to admission including free from communicable diseases that pose a serious threat as defined by public health authorities (ex. Tuberculosis).
- ✓ Must not be deemed a threat to self or others (including no recent history of serious aggressive or violent behavior).
- ✓ Not actively abusing drugs or alcohol.
- ✓ Must submit required intake documentation for admission.

Discharge Criteria:

- All applicable individual goals have been met.
- Acceptance in alternate program.
- Violent or disruptive behavior that poses danger to self or others and that has not been successfully controlled with appropriate support methods.
- Consistent refusal to participate in activities including community experiences.
- Presents needs which cannot be met with available resources.
- Services no longer required, excessive absenteeism or does not benefit from program.

Program Capacity:

- ◆ 18 (*wait time is dependent on available vacancies and available funding-waiting lists are first come/first served based on available funding*)

Opportunities for vocational supports and wage earning:

- ❖ Diversified Enterprises is an *Employment First Organization* so community residential supports may be combined with Supported Employment and Customized Employment Opportunities.

Staff Qualifications:

- ◆ Trained and holds current CPR/ First Aid certification
- ◆ Trained and holds current Medication Assistance certification
- ◆ Trained and holds current Mandt (behavior management) certification
- ◆ Free of communicable disease in any form.
- ◆ Cleared through criminal background investigation and drug testing.
- ◆ RN and LPN staffing and supports available
- ◆ Has demonstrated skills and abilities in supporting individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

Accreditation & Licensure:

- Diversified Enterprises. is accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL). It is also licensed through the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.