

Home Ideas

for Special Needs Adults

At Home or Almost Home

Have your adult child continue to live in your family's primary home. To add independence, modify an area with a separate entrance and kitchenette. Build a tiny home on your property.

Host Home

Register your home to become a licensed Host Home and be paid through Medicaid to provide a safe, comfortable environment for your child and possibly for others. Find or encourage others to become a Host Home for your adult child.

Roommates

Buy or rent a home and find compatible roommates with disabilities. Get together with other parents to plan chores, meals, expenses, etc. Share support services.

Friendly Housemates

Find typical roommates, maybe college students or young professionals, who can provide some support and guidance along with friendship and activities.

Family Planned Community

Develop a community by having several friends rent apartments in the same complex. Plan services, resources and activities for all.

Planned Communities

Visit housing communities developed by a private organization. They typically offer multiple homes of various sizes and features to accommodate a range of independent living skills. They also provide support services and central activity centers. Some communities are rent based, while others offer homes for sale.

Group Home

Visit a group home to see if it's the right match. It is typically a house for up to four residents with a private room for each person. The owner is often an agency with multiple properties. Find one licensed by the state and required to adhere to regulations. Aides are usually provided by the agency; they may or may not live onsite. Transportation to jobs and day programs may also be provided. Most take Medicaid waivers.

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Facilities

Think through the advantages of choosing these options often used by senior adults.

Intermediate Care Facilities

Review these Medicaid-supported homes for six or more residents. Rooms are usually shared. Some residents live here temporarily until other arrangements are made.

State Supported Living Centers

Consider these large facilities with 60-460 residents. They serve those with severe or immediate needs.



Contact [your Local IDD Authority \(LIDDA\)](#) for help.