

*The rewards of our
Adult Family Care Program
are growing.*

Mission Statement

LifeStream, Inc. provides community-based services throughout Southeastern Massachusetts that promote personal dignity, independence, and the removal of barriers through the provision of individualized support and education.

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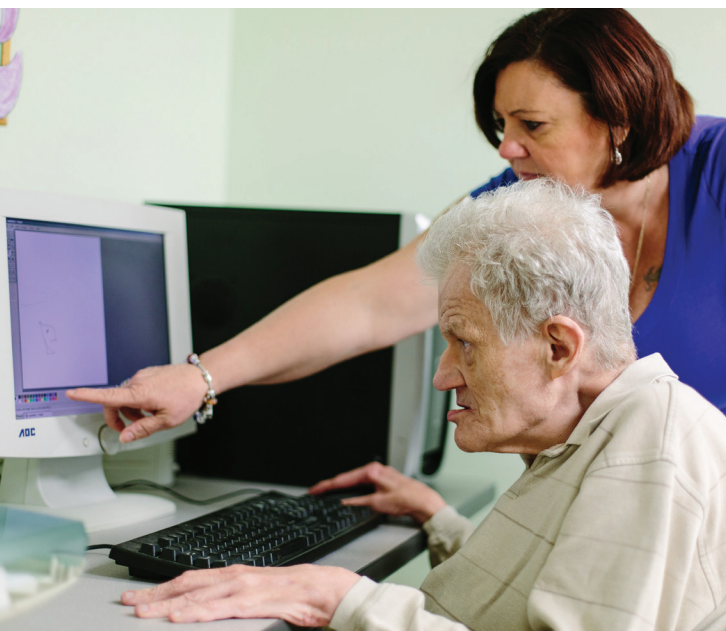
What is Adult Family Care?

Adult Family Care (AFC) is a program that provides a residential option for individuals who cannot safely live alone, but do not require the level of support of a more traditional group residence. Importantly, AFC also provides a family setting in the community rather than in a nursing home or other facility.

Funded by MassHealth, AFC adults move into the homes of host families, or remain at home with their family members who provide daily care and the normal supports of everyday life in the privacy and comfort of a home environment.

Making a difference in the lives of others.

The AFC Program has been expanded to include caregivers who are caring for relatives needing assistance coping with challenges from moderate physical or intellectual disabilities or advanced age, and who are 18 years of age or older. In many cases this type of living arrangement is already in place, so families who have been solely responsible for both the caretaking and financial aspects will now be eligible for funds to help defray these costs.



Eligibility Requirements

Participants:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be covered by MassHealth Standard or MassHealth CommonHealth
- Have a medical or mental condition that requires daily supervision or physical assistance with at least one of the following:
 - Bathing
 - Toileting
 - Ambulating
 - Transferring
 - Eating
 - Dressing
- Physician approval is required

Caregivers:

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Must own or rent a home
- May be single or married
- May be employed elsewhere
- Must successfully complete a review process, which includes a home visit, background checks and several visits with the individual requiring care
- Must complete 8 hours of additional training per year
- Must agree to monthly site visits by a nurse or caseworker
- Must complete orientation training, as well as CPR and First Aid Certification
- Spouses and those with guardianship status are not eligible

Cost of Adult Family Care

Payment for AFC services is provided through MassHealth Standard or MassHealth CommonHealth, and is also available on a private pay basis.

Compensation to caregivers is provided in the form of a stipend for the care of individuals, as well as the provision of room and board.



Learn More

If you are interested in providing care in your home for an individual, know of someone who may be in need of care, or want to learn more about AFC services and eligibility, call LifeStream Disabilities Services at 508-674-1539 ext. 3106. Applications for caregivers are available at any LifeStream location listed on www.lifestreaminc.com.

