

Multicultural Community Services AFC program



Multicultural Community Services (MCS), AFC program strives to :

- ◆ Provide a residentially based service in a safe, therapeutic home environment designed to promote self-enhancing routines and rhythms of a fulfilling life for each Member.
- ◆ Support Members through a multidisciplinary team.
- ◆ Focus on individual dignity, community participation, relationship-building, choice decision-making and skill building while providing assistance with daily tasks.

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Adult Foster Care
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Committed to providing culturally and ethnically responsive supports that enhance the capacities of individuals with developmental disabilities to maximize their quality of life.

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Am I eligible for AFC?

What is Adult Foster Care?

Adult Foster Care, also known as AFC, is a program for elderly adults or adults with developmental disabilities who cannot live alone safely. AFC Members live with trained, paid caregivers who provide daily care.

AFC provides individuals with personal care assistance daily in a family setting rather than a nursing home or other residential facility. Caregivers provide meals, companionship, personal care assistance and 24-hr supervision. Caregivers may be individuals, couples or large families.



To be eligible you must:

- ◆ Be 16 years of age or older
- ◆ Be unable to live alone due to medical, physical, cognitive or mental condition
- ◆ Need daily assistance with one or more activity of daily living (ADL), such as bathing, dressing, eating, toileting or ambulation.
- ◆ Be willing to live with your Caregiver
- ◆ Be eligible for MassHealth or able to pay privately
- ◆ Be approved for AFC by a physician and/or Aging Service Access Point
- ◆ You cannot require continuous skilled nursing.
- ◆ Your Caregiver can not be your spouse or another relative legally responsible for you.

What is an AFC Caregiver?

A Caregiver :

- ◆ Can be a family member or non-family member.
- ◆ Cannot be a spouse, parent of a minor child or legally responsible relatives.
- ◆ Must be approved by MCS through an interview, references, and CORI check.
- ◆ Must be able to provide 24-hr supervision.
- ◆ Will receive a stipend for the care of the participant which is excluded from taxable income.

Matching Caregivers and Participants

- ◆ If a participant needs to be matched with a Caregiver who is a non-family member, MCS will take into consideration common interests, religion, and cultural needs of both the Member and the Caregiver to ensure the best match possible.