

Residential Care in California

Congratulations on your decision to explore developing a residential facility. It can often be puzzling. We help to piece together the residential puzzle by answering the frequently asked questions.

Do you want to provide services to elders—people who are over 60 years of age? Refer to the section labeled RCFE (Residential Care for Elderly).

Do you want to provide services to adults, ages 18 – 59 with developmental disabilities (mental retardation, epilepsy, cerebral palsy or autism)? Refer to the section labeled ARF/DD (Adult Residential Facility).

Do you want to provide services to adults, ages 18—59 with mental illness or other issues preventing independent living? Refer to section labeled ARF/MH.

We have assisted hundreds of facilities in all stages of development—from initial walk through to developing policies, to hiring and to expansion.



Community Training Connection, Inc.
Helping to piece together the
residential care puzzle.

Southern California Community Care Offices

Central Coast Residential	805-682-7647
Fresno Residential	559-243-8080
LA Residential North (RCFE)	818-596-4334
LA Residential East (ARF)	323-980-4934
LA Residential West	310-568-1807
San Diego Residential	619-767-2300
Orange County Residential	714-703-2840
Riverside Residential	951-782-4207

Southern California Regional Centers

Eastern Los Angeles	626-299-4700
Central Valley	559-276-4300
Frank D. Lanterman	213-383-1300
Harbor	310-540-1711
Inland	909-890-3000
Kern	661-327-8531
North Los Angeles County	818-778-1900
Orange County	714-796-5100
San Diego	858-576-2996
San Gabriel / Pomona	909-620-7722
South Central Los Angeles	213-744-7000
Tri-Counties	805-962-7881
Westside	310-258-4000

Contact Community Training Connection for:

- Initial Administrator courses
- Continuing Education for Administrators
- Continuing Education for Nurses
- Continuing Education for Psychiatric Techs
- Continuing Education for Social Workers, MFTs
- Consulting services for residential programs
- Assistance with Licensing application
- Assistance with Program Design development
- Customized staff training programs

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Frequently Asked Questions about Opening a Residential Facility



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*Since 1993, offering training
programs that are always
informative, lively and fun!*

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	RCFE	ARF / DD	ARF / MH
Size	Up to 6 beds can be opened in neighborhoods depending on size of home; many are larger capacity communities	No new development over 6 beds; many regional centers prefer smaller capacity	Up to 6 beds can be opened in neighborhoods depending on size of home; many are larger capacity communities
Rates	Generally, residents are private pay; rates based on services, location	Rates from about \$900 to over \$5000 per month depending on experience and staffing	Rates generally based on SSI - about \$900 per month
Need	Population is aging, increase in need for people with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias	Increase in number of diagnoses of developmental disabilities; also increase in number of people using independent living services	Many psychiatric hospitals seek "board and care" facilities upon discharge
Referrals	Each facility must do its own marketing—getting to know people who can make referrals	Regional centers are responsible for referral and placement of residents	Each facility must do its own marketing by getting to know organizations that can make referrals
Experience	Regulations vary depending on size of facility	Regional Centers require at least 6 months experience with developmental disabilities and more for higher level facilities	Regulations vary depending on size of facility
Regulations	Title 22, and all regulations pertinent operating a business	Title 17, section 56001-56207 in addition to Title 22, and all regulations pertinent to operating a business	Title 22, and all regulations pertinent to operating a business

Steps to Licensing

- Orientation
- Complete Part A and B
- Complete Component 2 and 3
- Facility license number issued

Interested in Children's Group Homes?

Contact our office for information. We offer continuing education for Group Home administrators

Steps to Regional Center Vendorization

- Contact RC in area to determine need
- Orientation (each RC schedules its own)
- Develop program design
- Interview with Regional Center staff
- Vendor number issued

Other considerations:

- Local restrictions—ARFs cannot be within 300 feet of another licensed facility
- Accessibility—can you provide service to people who use walkers or wheelchairs?
- Marketing—some people prefer to live in a larger community; some prefer a smaller setting
- Finances—there are no guarantees on residents. Licensing requires at least three times the monthly operating expenses in assets to open facility.
- Hiring staff—Staffing is the most critical aspect of operating a residential facility. All staff must have criminal background check and health screening. Are you comfortable supervising people?

Approvals

RCFE 1000109-740, 740-2
 ARF 1000109-735, 735-2
 GH 1000109-730-2
 BRN CEP 13187

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