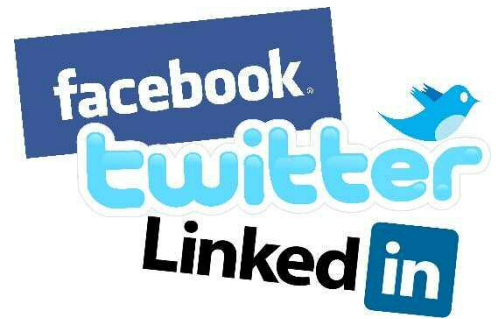


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Residential Adult Day Care Does Have Advantages

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I. The Changing Tide:

From Georgia to Nevada regulators are making accommodations for what some consider a less traditional approach to adult day services. For a generation we have viewed adult day care as a larger program, typically operating in a commercial building. If you read some of the program requirements offered by State Offices of Services to the Aging you will find language that even supports or mandates that.

Let's be clear these programs have value and likely always will. Their barrier free showers, on-site physician care, open space rehabilitation areas and more create an environment that can truly service the entire person.

Even with the value these programs offer, the wave of interest we are now seeing in a residential model has relevance. Programs operating in private homes, sometimes the primary residence of the owner or within group homes, do have advantages such as these:



1. Smaller population, creating more personal attention
2. Residential environment, creates less emotional disturbance for the program enrollee
3. Less expensive to maintain for the operator
4. Visits and involvement of neighbors, creating an even more population centered, community-like environment
5. More likely to take intergenerational approach

II. Regulatory Compliance:

Of course there still has to be a degree of regulatory intervention in most cases and municipalities are likely busy creating guidelines that will impact zoning. The State of Georgia is pretty clear about not having too much regulation if the owner/operator is using their own real estate. (Continued on next page)

Here is what they publish: “If you intend to provide day time care for the elderly or for persons with disabilities (Adult Day Care) in your own home or at another location that you own, rent, lease, or otherwise manage, then there is currently no State license required to provide this service.”

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However, even in the absence of a licensing requirement there are still requirements associated with purchase of service contracts initiated by an area agency on aging or a state Office of Services to the Aging.

From a logistical perspective there are a number of elements that cannot be ignored. If you operate a licensed group home and are under contract with a care coordinating mental health agency it is likely you cannot serve your 24/7 residents as adult day care enrollees. Adult day care, typically, has to be provided in a structure where the enrollee does not live.

III. Clinical Competence Matters:

In addition, even residential programs which most likely serve ten, (10) people or less need to have as areas of primary focus:

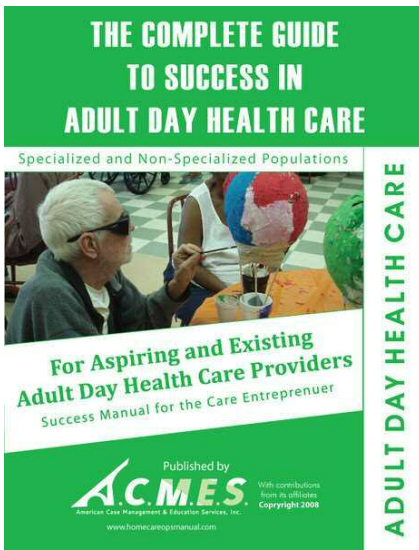
1. Keeping people medically stable in their communities which helps prevent premature hospital re-admissions
2. Arranging the needed resources including visiting physicians in order to heighten the level of relief provided for the enrollee’s family
3. Maintaining a comprehensive plan of care aimed at individual stability with scheduled reporting to families, guardians, etc.



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