

## *How do I find out more?*

If you are interested in:

- ❖ Obtaining more information.
- ❖ Becoming an Adult Family Care host family.
- ❖ Becoming an Adult Family Care client.
- ❖ Referring someone to the AFC program.

**Please call  
The Adult Family Care Program at**

**413-773-5555  
978-544-2259  
800-732-4636**

*Adult Family Care is a member of the  
Massachusetts Council for Adult Foster  
Care and Provider for the  
Massachusetts Department for  
Medical Assistance.*

*Established in 1982.*

Franklin County Home Care Corporation/Area Agency on Aging (FCHCC) is a private, non-profit corporation, which develops, provides, and coordinates a range of services to support the independent living of elders, people with disabilities and caregivers.



FCHCC serves all Franklin County towns plus Athol, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston in Worcester County.



We are committed to preventing or postponing the need for institutional care, facilitating the return home after an institutional stay, advocating for elders and people with disabilities, funding local projects and providing support to local Councils on Aging and Senior Centers.



FCHCC is committed to diversity in employment practices and service delivery. Our agency prohibits, discrimination and takes affirmative action in these areas, to serve people in our community with fairness and respect for all. We recognize that many differences among people may be barriers to inclusion. These differences include race, physical appearance and ability, sex, age, nationality and ancestry, class, religious and political beliefs, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. We welcome and value all persons and we dedicate our agency to an ongoing effort to achieve the goal of greater diversity among our employees, clients and others whom we serve.



Franklin County Home Care Corporation/Area Agency on Aging is funded in part by the federal Older Americans Act, the state Executive office of Elder Affairs, the Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Public Health and other sources both public and private. FCHCC is operated by a local volunteer Board of Directors, a majority of whom are, by law, elders. The agency is an AA/EOE employer, and does not discriminate in program admissions, access, services or employment practices.



# Adult Family Care Program



*The Adult Family Care program provides care and support in a home environment for adults age 16 and older who because of medical, physical, cognitive or psychiatric problems cannot safely live alone.*

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## Benefits for the Client

The Adult Family Care program is available for those who need assistance with personal care and who choose to live in the community with a host family rather than in a nursing home or other institutional setting.

- ❖ A host family will provide you with a private room, all meals and assistance with activities such as dressing, bathing, medication management, transportation to physicians' appointments depending on your particular needs.
- ❖ Being a member of your host family's household gives you an opportunity to participate in family activities and maintain your own regular community contacts.



## Benefits for the Host Family

Host families can be the client's family member (excluding spouse, parent of a minor or guardian) or an individual wanting to enhance their lives by caring for a person in need.

Anyone who has extra room and the ability to provide a caring, safe environment and personal care assistance may be eligible.

The host family can enhance their present income with a tax exempt stipend that will not effect their present benefits.

### Host families:

- ❖ Work in their own home.
- ❖ Enrich their own life while enhancing the life of another.
- ❖ Work together with a professional nurse and social worker on an individualized plan of care for a client.

## Support for the Participant & the Host Family

Initial and ongoing training is provided by the Adult Family Care nurse and social worker. Monthly visits are scheduled for continuing assessments of the client, teaching for the caregiver and support of the placement. Staff members are always available to host families and clients through Franklin County Home Care's on-call system.

### *Eligibility Criteria*

- ❖ A client must be an elder or a person with disabilities over the age of sixteen with daily personal or medical care needs.

### *Methods of Payment*

- ❖ MassHealth or MassHealth Waiver Program
- ❖ Spend-down/deductible
- ❖ Private pay

