Considerations Before Selecting a Residential Care Placement

What kind of home would be best for your family member?

* Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Home
* Intermediate Care Facility for Intellectual Disability (ICF-ID) Home
* A Home owned by an agency
* A host home
* Your family member will purchase a home

How close to your home is the placement? If you cannot travel there quickly in an emergency, how is that managed with the staff?

How will the residential placement be paid for?

* [Social Security](https://www.ssa.gov/apply)
* [SNAP](https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/food-assistance/snap)
* [Rent Assistance](https://www.iowa.gov/how-do-i-apply-rent-reimbursement)
* [Section 8](https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/mental-health/tobacco-use-prevention-control/smoke-free-homes/affordable-housing)
* [Medicaid](https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-medicaid-programs/mepd)

Will your family member need a [guardian](https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/county-attorney/civil-division/guardianships-and-conservatorships/) to sign papers, or will they sign everything on their own?

Will your family member need to apply for a [waiver](https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/policies-rules-and-regulations/home-and-community-based-services-hcbs-waivers-program)?

How will your family member become acquainted with the staff?

* Will the staff work in your home prior to your family member moving in?
* Will your family member go to the home to meet the staff?

How will roommates be selected?

Considerations for when a residential placement is selected:

How will the staff be trained and how long is the training?

What will your family member need to take to the home?

* Furniture
* Kitchenware
* Electronics

What does the lease look like?

How is transportation provided for outings, employment, and day programs?

* An Agency van provided for the home
* Staff's personal vehicles
* Public Transportation
* Ride Share Programs

What activities are offered in the home?

How are breaks, holidays, and vacations managed in the home? Will the family member be expected to go home?

When your family member and case manager put together a plan for goals, are the goals provided for? If not, how does that review process look?

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Will the home school of the residential care site accept your family member?  How will communication with the school work?