

SERVICES

Opportunity Homes, Inc. is a private non-profit human service agency. This agency provides residential options to individuals experiencing a variety of cognitive and physical disabilities. The focus of service delivery is based on development and enhancement of life skills to promote participation and inclusion in the community. All services are specifically tailored to the individual's needs and desires as well as provided in the individual's home settings, scattered throughout the communities of Northeast Iowa. The Winneshiek County Arc (formerly titled the Association for Retarded Citizens) was instrumental in starting the agency in 1979. It was the dedication and desire of many volunteers that made the vision of community based residential services a reality within the county.

Opportunity Homes, Inc. provides individuals the opportunity to participate in their home of choice in order to attain the highest degree of independence. The individual consumers drive the services based upon the philosophy of choice and responsibility regarding the development and enhancement of independent living skills. These services are delivered according to each individual's wants, needs and desires. A strong emphasis is placed upon community integration through establishing natural supports for the individual served. Services considered necessary and appropriate for the individual are determined through an interdisciplinary team consisting of the individual, family members, guardians, case management (if applicable), service providers and others chosen by the individual.

Individuals receiving services from Opportunity Homes, Inc. have the right to live life to its fullest, experience joys and sorrows, make decisions, take risks, experience natural consequences, and have their rights respected and supported.

Life is not without risk. The opportunity of taking risks provides the ability for people to determine what brings fulfillment and joy into life. Evaluating decisions paired with informed choice promotes enhanced decision making skills. All people want and need to control aspects of their life. Choice allows this to occur. The interdisciplinary team is encouraged to support the person with evaluating personal risks. The interdisciplinary team has a responsibility to assist the person in making fully informed decisions involving risks. The interdisciplinary team is also encouraged to find the best balance between the person's right to self-determination and their health, safety and welfare.

All individuals receiving services from Opportunity Homes, Inc. have a right to self-determination including the right to refuse services. Individuals can refuse services unless the court determines that the adult is not competent to make decisions or is threatening his or her own life or the life of others. Rights should be balanced by responsibility, and confer an obligation to act in a responsible manner.

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SERVICE OPTIONS

HCBS - SUPPORTED COMMUNITY LIVING

Home and Community Based Intellectual Disability Waiver (HCBS ID-Waiver) provides individualized services to eligible persons in their own homes or communities who would otherwise require care in a medical institution. The individual must have a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability or a diagnosis of a mental disability equivalent to Intellectual Disability as determined by a psychologist or psychiatrist. This service is designed to assist the individual with daily living needs. Assistance may include, but is not limited to: personal and home skills, community skills, personal needs, transportation, and treatment services.

ID-Waiver services are individualized to meet the needs of each person. However, decisions regarding what services are appropriate are based on the individual's needs as determined by the individual and their interdisciplinary team.

Services are habilitative in nature and provide for development of skills to support individual achievement.

≈ HOURLY - provided in the homes of children ages 1-17 and adults 18 years of age and older. Skill development and support services are the focus.

≈ SITE-BASED - 16 to 24-hour site-based services for adults 18 years of age and older, provided in a group living environment. This service applies to consumers who live outside their family, legal representative or foster family home and for whom a provider has primary responsibility for skill development, support services and supervision or structure.

HOME-BASED HABILITATION

Home-Based Habilitation services are provided to adults, 18 years of age and older, with a primary diagnosis of chronic mental illness. Services are intended to provide for the daily living needs of the person and can assist with getting, keeping and/or improving on skills related to living in the community. This service is provided on an hourly or daily basis in the individual's home or community.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES - RESPITE

This program is designed to provide temporary care to children or adults to sustain the family or other primary caregiver by providing time-limited and temporary relief from the ongoing responsibility of care. These services may be provided on either a planned or emergency relief basis in the individual's home. The purpose of respite care is to enable the person to remain in their current living situation. Respite services cannot be provided to children residing in the family, guardian or usual caregiver's home during the hours in which the usual caregiver is employed.

CHAPTER 24—SUPPORTED COMMUNITY LIVING

Individuals who experience Intellectual Disability or are dually diagnosed with Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disability may be eligible for these services. This program provides skill training to persons who have a wide variety of disabilities and are capable of living semi-independently in a community setting. This may include the provision of assistance in all areas of life skills including budgeting, cooking and home management. Service provision is similar to the provision of HCBS-Supported Community Living, however is funded and regulated by different regulatory entities. Chapter 24 SCL services are provided in hourly units.

Chapter 24 SCL services provided by Opportunity Homes, Inc. are habilitative in nature, promoting development of skills and support services necessary for individual achievement. Services are provided within each individual's home and community.

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SERVICE OPTIONS (CONTINUED)

PRIVATE PAY

≈ RESIDENTIAL - Private Pay service provides individualized services in the individual's home and community. This service is paid for by the individual or family member requesting services. The number of hours served per month is based on the individual needs. The individual will be billed from the agency on a monthly basis.

≈ FINANCIAL - Private Pay service provides representative Payee services to individuals requesting a need with managing Social Security benefits. The individual will be billed from the agency on a monthly basis. The individual meets with a designated representative from the agency's administration as scheduled to review a monthly budget and to pay bills that are due. Receipts for spending money and bills paid is a requirement through this service. A \$50.00 minimum balance in the Payee account is required; the agency will not allow for the balance to get below this amount.

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SERVICE OPTIONS: Funding & Accreditation Bodies

HCBS – Home and Community Based Services

- ◆HCBS ID-Waiver - Intellectual Disability Waiver

This is a Medicaid service funded by a state-federal partnership for individuals with an Intellectual Disability diagnosis ranging in age from 1 to death. A menu of service options exists under this program for individual consumers to access. This service is regulated by Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) through the Department of Human Services (DHS).

- ◆SCL - Supported Community Living

- ◆Respite

Home-Based Habilitation

This is a Medicaid Service funded by a state-federal partnership for adults, age 18 years and older, with a primary diagnosis of chronic mental illness. This service is regulated by Magellan through a contractual agreement with the Department of Human Resources (DHS).

Chapter 24 SCL- Supported Community Living

This is a 100% county funded service offered to individuals with a developmental disability diagnosis or mental illness that does not meet the criteria for rehabilitation. The regulatory entity is the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Private Pay - Residential and Financial

This service is 100% paid for by the individual or family member(s) requesting the service.

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HOW TO RECEIVE SERVICES

If you are interested in pursuing Opportunity Homes, Inc. services, contact the Administrative office at (563)382-8140 for referral information. Our referral process begins with an Application for Services as well as a social history. This information is presented to our Admissions Committee. The committee will determine the agency's ability to provide quality services to the applicant based on Opportunity Homes, Inc. policies. After completing the desired information, you are encouraged to speak with your Case Manager or your Regional County Coordinator to discuss funding options available for the person requesting services. To inquire about funding, speak with the Regional County Coordinator.

Upon the decision to receive residential services, the applicant will be contacted by the Administrative office for further information as well as to complete the admissions paperwork for provision of service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the following:

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