

DD Community Living



Children's Staffed Residential



24 hour
Supported
Living



Companion
Home



Children's Intensive
In-home Behavior
Support Program



State
Operated
Living
Alternative
(SOLA)



24 hour
Skilled
Nursing

Individuals with developmental disabilities have a variety of need levels and an array of residential options that are tailored to meet their individualized, assessed need.

Children have various staffed residential alternatives with trained staff members who can meet the needs of children with significant behaviors. The Children's Intensive In-home Behavior Support program (CIIBS) provides families with supports in the home, at school and in the community so that children with challenging behaviors can remain in their family home with supports tailored to their needs.

Adults have options that include supported living to individuals who live in their own home. Hours can be a few hours a month up to 24 hours a day as determined by the individual's assessment.

Companion homes provide residential services and supports in an adult foster care model with one client living in a regular family residence that has been approved by DSHS.

State Operated Living Alternative (SOLA) provide 24 hour supports whereby individuals moving to the community from an RHC can have a long-time RHC staff member they know move to this community setting with them.

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FACT

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community providers cannot meet the intense needs of individuals with developmental disabilities currently living in an RHC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to a recent study by the Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS), community members with intense needs who are comparable to that of individuals living in an RHC are currently served successfully in the community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People with significant medical needs are at a higher mortality risk when moved to community settings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research does not support this claim. Pro-RHC advocates claim 4 deaths were caused from “transfer trauma” after a downsizing at Fircrest. DSHS data shows that more people die in RHCs than in the community as noted in “<i>Mortality Rates: Residential Habilitation Centers and Community Residential Services.</i>” (DSHS 1/27/2010)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When people move from an RHC they will not get the services they need and have been receiving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current monitoring and quality assurance ensures people’s needs are met. The Davis Deshaies report to the Legislature had additional recommendations related to increasing community services and individualized transition plans.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RHC residents will get “dumped” into Adult Family Homes (AFH), which have been getting bad press lately, or apartments with little support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AFHs are not appropriate options for RHC residents. Residents will be assessed and provided the supported living services they need. Additional State Operated Living Alternatives (SOLA) will also be created for residents who wish to have an RHC staff member move to the community with them.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People in RHCs are in a safer environment than living in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The RHCs have safety issues, just as the community can. In 2009 an RHC resident drowned in a bathtub when left unattended, in 2007 a TV station videotaped multiple RHC residents being physically abused by their staff. In 2002 the Justice Dept. reported an RHC using wrist-to-waist shackles on residents. In the community there is more outside oversight, by family, friends and neighbors.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Federal oversight RHC residents get will be gone when they are moved into the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RHC clients who move have regular quality assurance visits. All providers are regularly surveyed and certified to ensure federal standards are met.