

# Information Memorandum Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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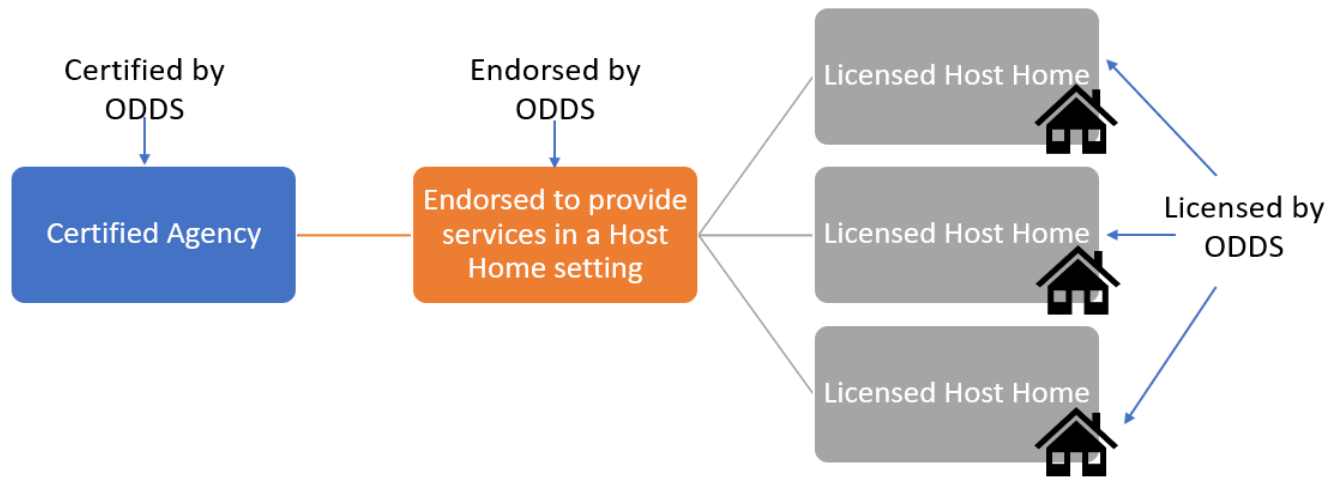
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**Message:** ODDS is introducing a new service setting option for children receiving out of home K-plan services in residential settings. Beginning November 1, 2019, Host Homes will be a setting type under new Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) Chapter 411, Division 348.

Host Homes are licensed community family homes that are operated and supported by certified and endorsed provider agencies. Host Home agencies will recruit, train, and provide intensive supports to community family homes serving children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Host Home settings. The parental caregivers who use the home as their primary residence are referred to as "in-residence caregivers" in rules.

ODDS certifies the Host Home provider agencies, endorses the agencies to the 411-348 rule, and licenses each Host Home setting. The Host Home agency will submit a caregiver applicant study with each Host Home license application, that identifies the in-residence caregiver(s) and the caregivers' qualifications.



Host Home settings will function similar to DD-certified children’s foster homes with rules that mirror the standards of 24-hour residential program settings for children.

Children supported in Host Homes settings will receive attendant care supports, including support related to Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs), and medical-related tasks. The attendant care includes elements of skills training and behavior support.

Additional ancillary services may be available to children in Host Home settings, depending on the child’s individual support needs and eligibility for the service. Ancillary services may include Professional Behavior Supports, Direct Nursing Care, Assistive Devices, and Employment-related services. The child (and the child’s guardian) have a choice in qualified, available provider for ancillary services.

Host Homes will provide intensive support to children with significant behavioral challenges in a structured environment to help the child live successfully in a less restrictive community setting such as returning to the child’s family home or placement in a foster care setting. Host Homes will be licensed to serve 1-2 children with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The Host Home agency will support the Host Home setting family with access to training, staffing, respite care, and resource connection.

The goal is for Host Homes to be located in a child’s home community to allow continuity of access to community services and convenient access to the child’s family.

Detailed information about Host Home settings can be found in the Oregon Administrative Rule, Chapter 411, Division 348: “Host Home Programs and Settings for Children with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities”.

Attached is an infographic document with basic information about these settings. This

info graphic can also be located on the ODDS webpage:

<https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/index.aspx>

This transmittal will be discussed during the next Monthly Transmittal Call-In. These meetings are held the **third Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm.**

Monthly call-in number: **1-877-848-7030**, guest code: **458900#**

Please try to send questions in advance to [ODDS.INFO@state.or.us](mailto:ODDS.INFO@state.or.us)

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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ODDS is introducing a new residential service setting option for children beginning November 1, 2019.



Children with significant behavioral support needs who need out of home placement may go to a licensed family home setting, called a Host Home.



Host Home agencies will provide intensive support to the child and their Host Home family, including training, coaching, staffing, and respite.

Host Home agencies will recruit community families to open their homes to children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



The head(s) of the household who provide the primary caregiving to the children are referred to as "in-residence caregivers".

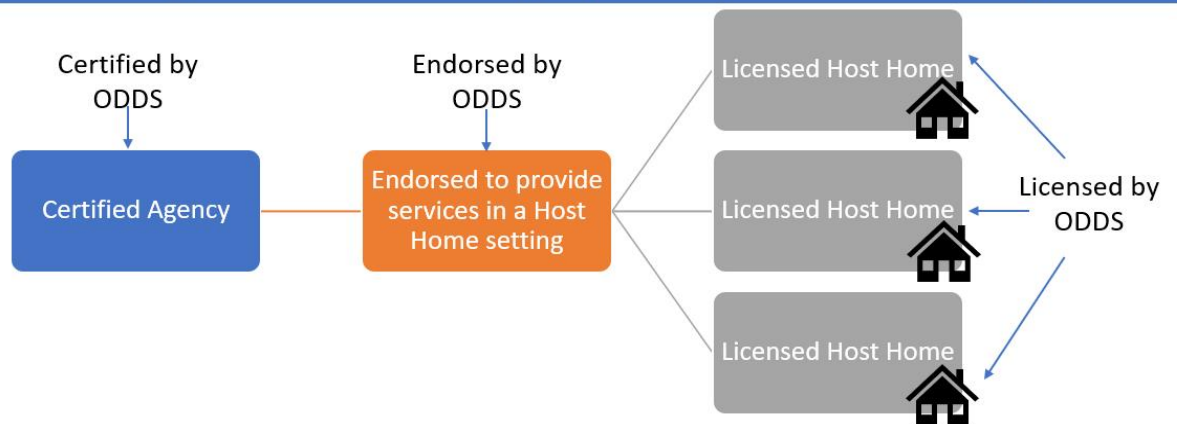


The goal is for Host Homes to be located in a child's home community. This design allows the child access to their family and community while receiving supports and skill building to stabilize the child so they may live in a less restrictive setting, including their family home or foster care



Host Homes will be licensed to support 1-2 children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The homes have rules for providing community-based care very similar to a foster home or 24-hour group home setting.

ODDS will issue the Host Home setting license to the Host Home agency who is responsible for the license application.



If you have an interest in:



Becoming a Host Home agency



Opening your home to children needing services  
in a Host Home



Or if you have questions about Host Homes

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