



ADULT FOSTER CARE OVERVIEW

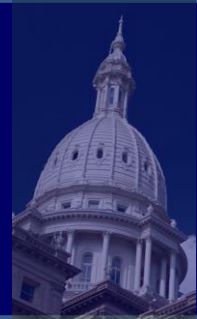
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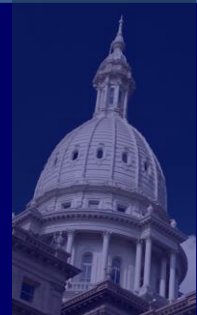
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What Qualifies as Adult Foster Care (AFC)?

- Must provide the following to at least three unrelated individuals who are aged, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, or physically disabled for 24 hours a day, for 5 or more days a week, for two or more consecutive weeks for compensation:
 - Room
 - Board
 - Supervision
 - Personal Care
 - Protection



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Care and Services in AFC Facilities



Care and services provided to AFC residents are designed to maintain and improve a resident's physical and intellectual functioning and independence.



All interactions with residents promote and encourage cooperation, self-esteem, self-direction, independence, and normalization.



What is not included in AFC?

- A health facility.
- A nursing home (cannot provide continuous nursing care per MCL 400.703 (4)).
- A Home for the Aged.
- A Substance Use Disorder (SUD) facility.
- A private residence with 1 to 4 residents who all are receiving community mental health (CMH) benefits.
- A home with 2 or less residents receiving care.



AFC Information

- 3,818 licensed AFCs in Michigan.
 - Down about 500 since start of pandemic.
- Total capacity to serve over 32,000 residents.
- Issuing new licenses, renewal inspections and investigations.



AFC Licensing Actions



**Corrective
Action Plan
(CAP) denial**



**Provisional
License**



**Refuse to
Renew**



Revocation



**Summary
suspension**

Currently no provision for fines in statute.

Consultation and Technical Assistance

Per administrative rule requirements, Licensing Consultants provide advice and technical assistance to providers to assist them in meeting the requirements of the act and administrative licensing rules. They offer consultation upon request in developing methods for the improvement of service.





AFC Staffing Requirements

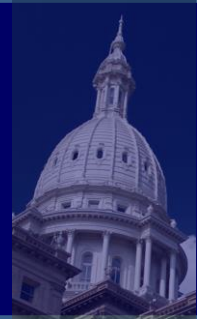
- 1 staff to 6 residents for AFC family homes (max licensed capacity of 6).
- 1 staff to 12 residents for AFC small group homes, more if necessary to meet the needs of the residents.
- 1 staff to 15 residents during waking hours, 1 staff to 20 residents during sleeping hours for AFC large group homes, more if necessary to meet the needs of the residents.





Licensing Consultant Qualifications

- All Licensing Consultants have master's degrees, primarily in social work, but also some in psychology, sociology, criminal justice and family studies.
- Many Consultants have previous experience working with the aged, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, and/or physically disabled population.



AFC Staff Qualifications and Training

- Not less than 18 years of age.
- Able to follow written and oral instructions related to care of residents.
- Suitable to meet the needs of the residents.
- Capable of handling emergency situations.
- Competent before performing assigned tasks including:
 - Reporting requirements
 - Competent in first aid & CPR
 - Personal care, supervision and protection of the residents
 - Resident Rights
 - Safety and fire prevention
 - Prevention and containment of communicable diseases



AFC Staff Medication Training

- Staff must be trained in the proper handling and administration of medications.
- Staff must complete a medication log that includes:
 - The medication
 - The dosage
 - Label instructions for use
 - Time to be administered
 - Initials of person who administers at the time of administration
 - If resident refuses medications*

*If resident refuses a medication or a medical error occurs, contacting the appropriate health care professional is required.

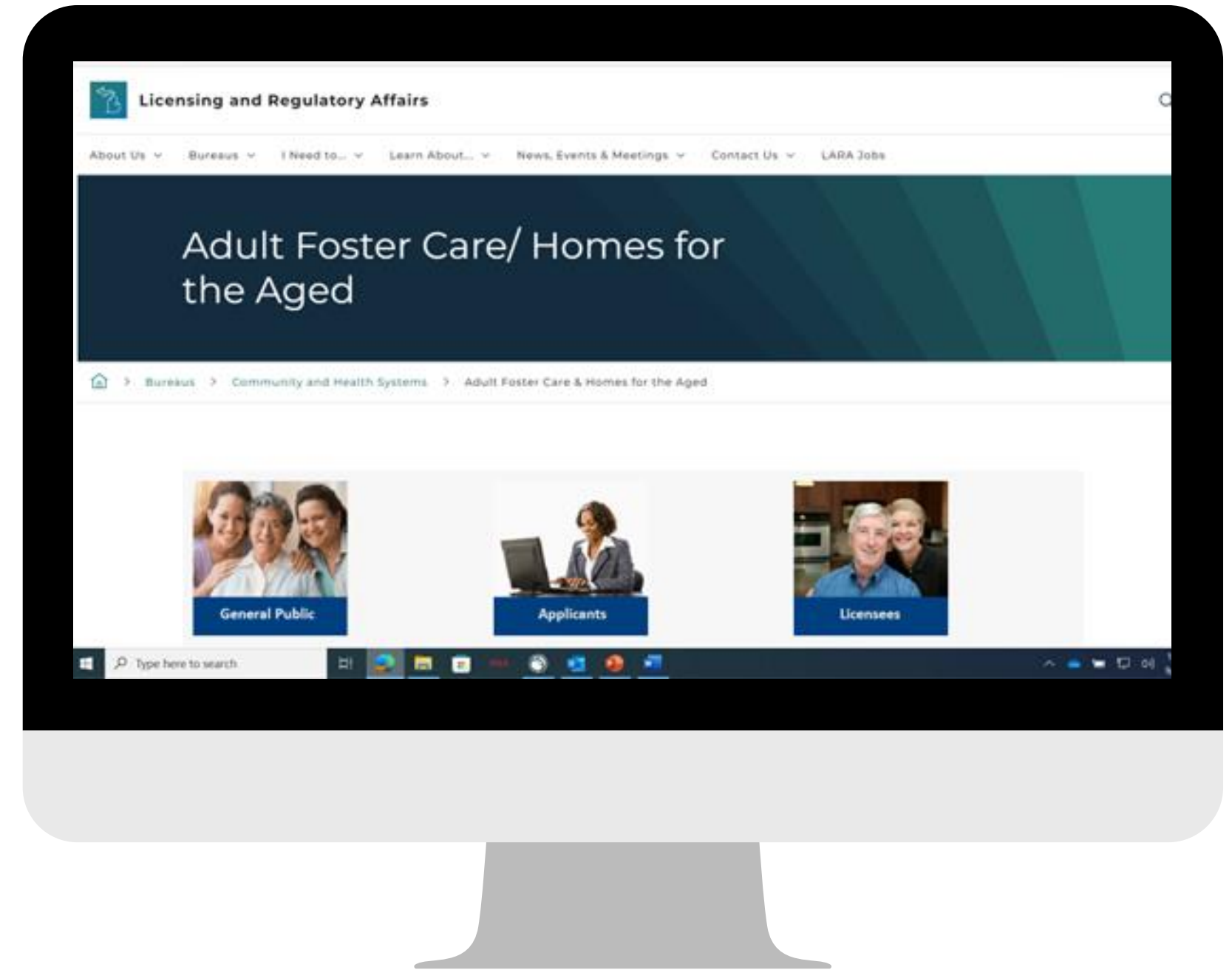
Training Provided by LARA



- LARA provides trainings to AFC licensees, administrators and staff via its [MI_BCCHS_AFC Division – YouTube](#)
- Competency test included after most of the trainings.
- Provide onsite trainings in various regions across the state.

Online Public Information

- Statewide Search for AFC:
Licensing, original inspections, renewal inspections and any complaint investigations that had statute or rule violations:
- <https://adultfostercare.apps.lara.state.mi.us/>
- General AFC Details:
<https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bchs/adult/general>



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Questions?