

Finding the right residential service provider

Short Version

A guide for people with disabilities and caregivers



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Who is completing this tool? (Mark all that apply)

- Person looking for a place to live
- Caregiver
- Other: _____

How to use the list

This list helps you decide if the home, and those who run it, would be a good choice for you to live. When you see the words 'I' or 'me' in the questions, they refer to the person who will be receiving services.

Remember, this list is just a guide. It is not the only thing you should use to choose a place to live.



Step 1. Get ready for your visit. Look at the questions in the list. Think about which ones are most important to you. You don't need to ask all the questions—just the ones that matter most to you.

























Step 2. When you visit, ask the staff the questions. You can also look around the home to answer some questions.



Step 3. Look at your ratings.

- If most of them say, "yes," this could be a good place to live.
- If most of them say, "maybe" or "no," you might want to look at other homes, if you can.

		Question	Yes 	Maybe 	No 
1		Will I have the choice of my own room?			
2		Can I pick my roommate or housemates?			
3		Are the home and outdoor spaces clean? (Ask about accessibility for people with disabilities and walk around and see.)			
4		Will lighting or noise levels be considered?			
5		Will my belongings (such as food, clothing, and money) be safe at the home? For example, can the room be locked?			
6		Can I get around to all parts of the home? (Walk around and see.)			
7		Are there house rules? Do I know the house rules?			
8		Do people like living here?			
9		Are there enough staff to support me?			

		Question	Yes 	Maybe 	No 
10		Will staff help me stay safe? If there is a problem, will staff help me?			
11		Will staff help me with my medication and appointments if I need it?			
12		Will staff help me with activities of daily living if I need it (such as eating, showering, brushing my teeth, washing my hair, or washing my clothes)?			
13		Is there transportation to the places I need or want to go to?			
14		Will the staff help me make friends inside and outside the home?			
15		Do staff and housemates speak the same language as I do?			
16		Is there access to technology? Can I use the internet, watch TV, watch movies, and listen to the radio?			
17		Can I see my family and friends as much as I want?			

		Question	Yes 	Maybe 	No 
18		Will staff help me plan my appointments or go with me to appointments, if needed?			
19		Do I have access to my money, and can I use my money how I want?			
20		Do I get to decide what activities to do? Do I like the activities they have? (Ask what activities they have.)			
21		Can I choose what I do with my free time?			
22		Will staff help me learn new skills?			
23		Did everyone seem kind and welcoming to me?			
24		Will staff listen to my suggestions?			
25		Will information about me be kept private?			

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