

# Agency Housing Options

**Family Care Homes** - - Housing and supports are provided in a family setting other than the biological family. The host family receives funds to provide clothing, food, shelter, other living expenses and in some instances funds for personal care services.

## Group Homes

*The state or a non profit agency owns or leases a home certified by OMRDD. There are state mandated regulations on how the home is run and staffed and how many people can live there.*

**ICF** - - Intermediate Care Facility – 24 hour staff - Higher level of care. May have many medical or other health care needs, may require full time nurse, or have nutritional needs.

**IRA** - - Individual Residential Alternative – 24 hour staff – more structured – residents have less needs than in an ICF but more needs than in a CR. May be non-ambulatory.

**CR** - - Community Residence – 24 hour staff – residents are ambulatory and more capable and require more support than supervision.

**Supervised Apartments** - - 24 hour staff assisted

**Supported Apartments** - - Some staff assistance but not 24 hours

**ISE** – Individualized Service Environment – Non-certified home or apartment  
You rent your own apartment or home and you are responsible to the landlord. The agency you are working with provides you with staff, transportation to appointments and other supports as needed (varies depending on agency). No nursing services are provided.

**OPTS** – Options for people through services – You can use this program to work with an agency to design your own housing and staffing. The proposals are submitted to the local DDSO ( Developmental Disability Service Organization) and then to OMRDD ( Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities).