

Adult Care Home Administrators and Operators

Did you know? Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services have a partnership that promotes the development of licensed child care programs in adult care homes while maintaining equitable standards in health, safety and services for both children and adults.

Become part of the child care solution in Kansas while increasing opportunities for your staff and residents.



Brett Schmidt

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As we've been working with developing and growing our intergenerational programming, we've learned that pictures are cute and get a lots of responses, but where the true benefits are is the relationships that are developed. They are life revealing, filled with empathy, laughs, tears, and most importantly love. The children, staff, residents, families, and community have all been elevated to a larger opportunity by the collaborative programming and activities. The nursing home has seen decreases in resident behaviors and depression while increasing activity participation and staff morale. The children have also seen decreases in behaviors and increased teaching staff retention and overall increased job satisfaction. Some of the best advice we received and have spread to others; the children re-inject life back into the halls. Laughs, cries, orneriness, smiles, running, and fun are all welcome!

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Questions You May Have



Answers to Your Questions

Q: What type of child care license best fits our needs?

A: Licensing is critical to ensure children are cared for in a safe and healthy environment. Regulated care includes home, center or school age programs. Understanding what type of care you want to offer is your first step. A child care licensing specialist is your first point of contact when exploring what type of care best matches your vision and needs.

Q: As we explore space in our current facility, may the child care facility and long term care program share space?

A: Exclusive space is required for each licensed facility. Child care licensing may not intrude on space for the adult care home and vice versa. Separate space allocated for each licensed program is required. This includes ensuring a separate outdoor area.

Q: What are my next steps if I wish to pursue a child care license within my adult care facility?

A: Reach out to a child care licensing specialist to schedule an orientation. Orientation takes about two to four hours and will walk you through regulation requirements and application process. Your licensing specialist will be able to provide you with education and support along the way.

Testimony



Jamie Roberts

Local Licensing Specialist
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We really enjoyed working with a program that was excited to provide quality in-house child care for their staff. We could tell that they wanted to secure child care for staff, allowing them to provide quality care for their residents. Because of their experience working with a state licensing agency already, they were familiar with the general process and eager to meet all standards. During the inspection, we observed children and residents finishing up an exercise class together. I don't need to tell you how adorable that image was. Staff said the residents really love their time with the kids. I think this combination provides great benefits for both kids and adults!

