

# PERSONS IN PLACEMENT



For a person to be eligible for placement in the Specialized Family Care Program, they must meet these criteria:

- Have an intellectual and/or developmental disability
- Require assistance, supervision, or training to complete their daily living activities like bathing, dressing and eating.
- Be eligible for Title XIX/Medicaid, ID/DD, Waiver Services or Personal Care.
- Children and adults are eligible for placement.

Although most of the people served by Specialized Family Care Providers are in a home full-time, there are people who receive temporary services, like weekends and evenings. SFC Providers are available for longer periods of time, weeks or months, when the primary caregiver for a person has an extended emergency.

For more information about becoming a Specialized Family Care Provider or to refer a person for placement or respite services, please call or write the Program Manager at:

## Specialized Family Care

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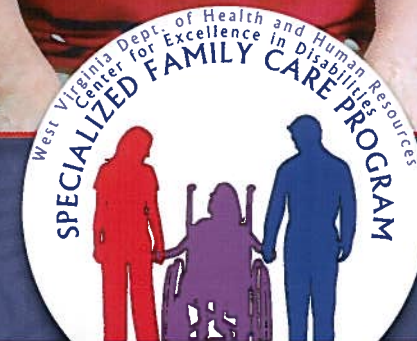
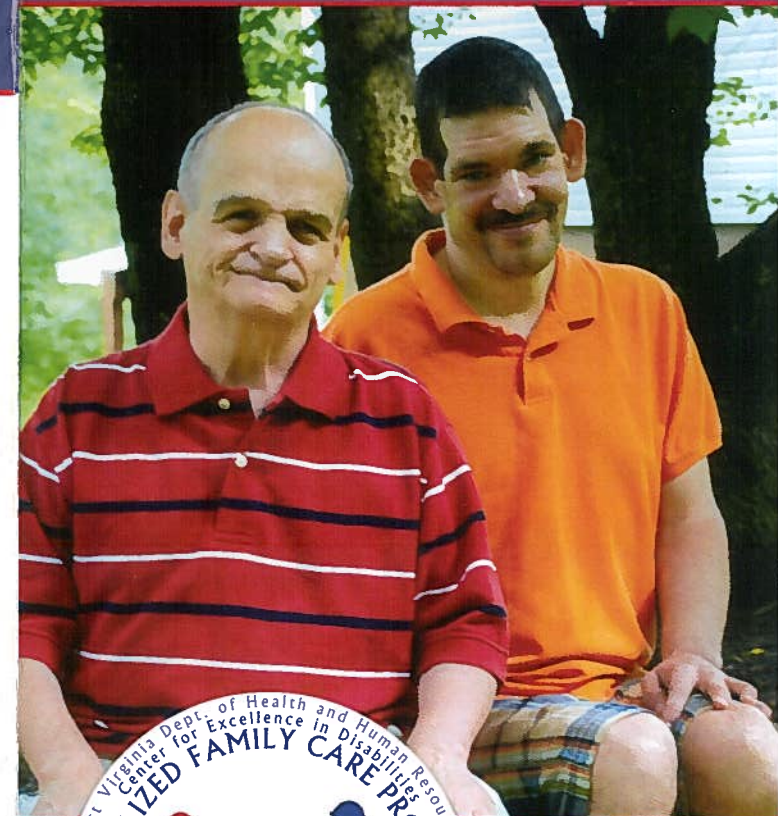
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# West Virginia's Specialized Family Care Program





Specialized Family Care is a placement option for children and adults who are intellectually and/or developmentally disabled, that provides a living arrangement in a family setting.

Specialized Family Care has been a service option for persons with intellectual and or developmental disabilities since 1981.



## SPECIALIZED FAMILY CARE PROVIDERS

### History of Specialized Family Care

In 1981, the WV Department of Health & Human Resources and a comprehensive behavioral health center began to develop a statewide program of community-based services to make it possible for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities to move from state facilities into community settings. Along with ICF/MR Group Homes, the Specialized Family Care Program became an option for those individuals.

Over the last thirty years, Specialized Family Care has become a recognized placement option for people who do not require the intensive services offered by group homes and nursing homes. SFC is also an option for those persons whose families are no longer able to care for them but want their loved ones to remain in a family setting.

### Facts about Specialized Family Care

- There are over 275 Specialized Family Care Providers statewide.
- Over 230 Specialized Family Care Providers have at least one person in placement.
- Approximately 94 families provide services on a part-time or temporary basis (like weekends or evenings) to a person in placement or a person who lives with their natural family.
- There are currently 70 children in placement.
- There are approximately 200 adults in placement.
- The average age of SFC Providers is 56 years.
- One person has been in placement with the same family for 30 years.
- Over 100 people have been in placement with the same family for 10 years or more.

### Requirements

- 21 years of age or older
- Married or single
- Couples must demonstrate that their relationship will provide an environment of stability.
- Families must participate in training to include: CPR, basic first aid, and safety to include fire escape plan and drills.
- Must have a criminal background check completed.

### Supports

- Providers receive monies to care for persons in their home & community.
- Persons receive training and other supports to meet safety and other standards.
- Monthly home visits are made by program staff to monitor the well being of persons in placement, address provider concerns, offer trainings, and identify resource needs and service availability.