**Adult Family Home (AFH) Information Sheet**

Orientation Class

**Review** [**Chapter 388-76 WAC**](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true) **for current licensing requirements**

**What is the AFH Prospective Provider Orientation Class?**

* It is a required class for those who will be applying to open an AFH; and
* An informational class for those who may be interested in opening an AFH, which may help the attendee in determining if he/she is suited to be an AFH provider.

**Who needs to attend the orientation class?**

See [WAC 388-76-10060](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10060)

* Applicants for an adult family home license who have not held an adult family home license in the last twelve months; and
* New entity representatives in a currently-licensed adult family home unless:
	+ They have completed the course in the previous twenty-four months; or
	+ They have worked as the entity representative or provider in another adult family home in the last twelve months.

**What information is presented/discussed in orientation class?**

* Review of Resident Rights;
* Review requirements for the:
	+ Notice of Rights and Service Requirements;
	+ Disaster plan; and
	+ Policies.
* Overview of the [AFH Professional Provider webpage](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-adult-family-home-providers) and the [Prospective Provider webpage](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-afh-prospective-providers);
* The laws and regulations that apply to operating an adult family home;
* Review of the onsite initial licensing inspection; and
* What it is like to operate an adult family home.

**See** [**this link**](https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/adsaapps/Professional/training/training.aspx) **to find an AFH Prospective Provider Orientation Class.**

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