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

Specialty Care

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

**What is specialty care?**

See [WAC 388-76-10495](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10495)

* Specialty care is meeting the care needs of residents who have been assessed to have special needs due to mental illness, dementia, or developmental disabilities.

**What training must I take if I want to provide specialty care?**

* Adult family home providers, co-providers, entity representatives, and resident managers must complete the specialty training as required by [Chapter 388-112A WAC](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-112A&full=true) before admitting residents who have specialty needs.
* If the adult family home serves one or more residents with specialty needs, all caregivers must also receive training for the specialty area(s) of individual residents in the home within one hundred twenty days of hire.

**Who can teach the specialty training?**

* Specialty training instructors and curriculum must be approved by the department.

**When may the department grant a specialty designation to the adult family home?**

See [WAC 388-76-10500](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10500)

* When the provider, co-provider, or entity representative and resident manager have successfully completed the specialty training in the specialty care area(s);
* When the home ensures the specialty care needs of each resident will be met; and
* The home must provide the department with written documentation of completed specialty training for the specialty designation(s) for each caregiver working in the home.

**For further information about these requirements,**

See [WAC 388-76-10495](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10495) through 10505

**For further information about specialty training,**

See [WAC 388-112A-0400](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-112A&full=true#388-112A-0400) through 0495

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