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## WHAT IS FAMILY CARE?

Family Care is a state-sponsored program to locate adult foster homes for older people who are unable to live alone but are well enough to be part of the family and community life. By living with a family or with one or two older people, elderly people can continue a normal, semi-independent pattern of life. Those who provide Family Care homes receive the benefit of special contributions a new resident can bring to their lives and financial reimbursement for the care they give.

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## **WHO NEEDS FAMILY CARE?**

It sometimes happens that older people are not able to continue living alone and also have no family nearby to take them in. These people need Family Care. They are not ill and are able to get around; they need a place to stay, meals and people who care. They have skills, stories and smiles for those with whom they share a home.

## **WHO PROVIDES FAMILY CARE?**

Family Care providers can be retired people or young couples — any kind of people who have room in their homes and lives for one more.

## **HOW IS FAMILY CARE FINANCED?**

There is reimbursement from the Federal Government and the State of Montana to each Family Care Foster Home. This money is paid monthly and covers the cost of room and board. Extra payment can be made to cover additional costs such as transportation. Medical expenses for the resident are also paid by government programs.

# WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Family Care homes are licensed by the State. A Social Worker will visit the home to discuss the program in depth and complete the necessary forms. The home must be safe, clean and comfortable place for an older person to live.

# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER LICENSING?

After a Family Care Home is licensed, the Social Worker will begin to work on placement. Such factors as interests, personality, background and religion of the Family Care providers and the older person will be considered. After the new resident is in the home, the Social Worker will remain involved to offer further assistance.