



Questions to Ask When Touring a Group Home

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Name of home: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Contact person: _____

Who owns the home? _____

If an organization, how many homes does the organization own? _____

If privately owned, do owners live on-site? ___Yes___No

How many residents live in the home? _____

Do residents have a similar level of functioning as you? ___Yes___No

Staff:

1. Is staff experienced working with special populations? ___Yes___No
2. Staff training/continuing training? _____
3. Staff to resident ratio? _____

Night and Weekend activities:

1. Who decides what to do? _____
2. Can residents opt out of activities? ___Yes___No
3. Can residents go out independently? ___Yes___No
4. How are errands, such as clothes shopping and haircuts, managed? _____

5. Are there opportunities to attend religious services? ___Yes___No
6. How are religious observances managed? _____

Physical Living Space:

1. How many people per bedroom? _____
2. Is there Cable? ___Yes___No
3. Internet access available? ___Yes___No
4. House Phone available? ___Yes___No

Activities of Daily Living:

Bathroom Scheduling

1. Is bathroom time/ showering scheduled? ___Yes___No
2. Are changes negotiable? ___Yes___No

Laundry

1. Do residents wash their own clothes? __Yes__No
2. Is laundry use scheduled? __Yes__No
3. Are changes negotiable? __Yes__No
4. Is there support for doing laundry? __Yes__No

Chores

1. Are residents responsible for helping? __Yes__No
2. What are some of the chores? _____

3. How are chore assignments designated? _____

Meals

1. Can I see a typical menu? __Yes__No
2. Who chooses menu? _____
3. Do residents have input into menus? __Yes__No
4. Do residents help cook? __Yes__No
5. Do residents help with food shopping? __Yes__No
6. Do residents eat together? __Yes__No
7. Can you accommodate special dietary needs like being vegetarian or kosher?
__Yes__No

Medication:

1. Does staff give residents their medications? __Yes__No
2. How is it documented? _____

Resident Supports:

1. Are there house meetings? __Yes__No
2. What is discussed? _____

3. What is visitation policy for family? _____

4. What is visitation policy for friends? _____

5. How are conflicts between residents resolved?

