

# ADULT FOSTER CARE

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### WHAT IS ADULT FOSTER CARE (AFC)?

Adult Foster Care at Kennedy-Donovan Center (KDC) is a MassHealth funded program. AFC supports individuals with medical needs and/or intellectual disabilities. A primary care physician, facility, family member, and/or other community agencies may refer an individual to receive AFC services. The individual may live with a caregiver of choice, whether they are a family member (parent, sibling, or extended family), friend, or a caregiver trained by KDC. A caregiver cannot be a spouse or legal guardian.

### HOW CAN MY FAMILY MEMBER QUALIFY FOR AFC?

AFC supports individuals ages 16 or older who are eligible for MassHealth Standard or Medicaid. Individuals must have medical and/or cognitive challenges that pose as barrier(s) to living an independent life. In addition, an AFC nurse conducts an assessment to determine eligibility.

### ARE STIPENDS PROVIDED THROUGH AFC?

AFC Caregivers are paid a daily stipend. Amounts are dependent on the individual in care's needs, and are determined by an assessment conducted by an AFC nurse. AFC's stipend service is funded by Medicaid and is non-taxable income. Income is paid directly to the caregiver by KDC every two weeks.

### DO CAREGIVERS RECEIVE SUPPORT THROUGH THE AFC PROGRAM?


Along with comprehensive trainings, caregivers receive ongoing nursing and case management oversight. KDC provides 24/7 emergency on-call support and offers 14 days of respite care per year.


### WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CAREGIVER?

A qualified caregiver is responsible for the care and supervision of an individual living with them. This may include assistance with ADL's (activities of daily living), IADL's (instrumental activities of daily living), and other personal care as needed. Other responsibilities include:

- Oversee all medical appointments
- Monthly meetings with assigned AFC case manager and/or nurse
- Maintain all required documentation
- Initial and ongoing training including CPR/First Aid and other specific trainings to meet the needs of the individual in care

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