

DISTINCTIONS AMONG CALIFORNIA GROUP HOME TYPES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Distinctions	Drug & Alcohol Residential Treatment Facilities	Community Care Residential Facilities	Sober Living & Other Independent Living
PURPOSE OF GROUP HOME	Drug and alcohol rehabilitation	Non-medical care and supervision essential for maintaining activities of daily living	Residents function as a family. No treatment or care is provided or required though residents may choose to receive care elsewhere
CLASS OF PERSONS WHO LIVE IN GROUP HOMES	Adult alcoholics and drug addicts needing treatment	Mentally ill, developmentally disabled, and other disabilities	Adults with disabilities who do not require care and supervision
REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED?	Yes	Yes	No
REGULATORY AUTHORITY	State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP)	Department of Social Services (Community Care)	Zoning regulations that apply to residential dwelling units
ROSTER OF LOCATIONS	State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs listed by county: http://www.adp.state.ca.us/Licensing/pdf/Status_Report.pdf	State Department of Social Services—Community Care Licensing http://www.cclid.ca.gov/docs/cclid_search/cclid_search.aspx	There are some voluntary local or state associations that list participating homes
ZONING REGULATIONS FOR 6 OR FEWER PERSONS	State law pre-empts local zoning restrictions for 6 or fewer	State law pre-empts local zoning restrictions for 6 or fewer	N/A
ZONING REGULATIONS FOR 7 OR MORE PERSONS	Conditional Use Permit usually required by local government. Reasonable accommodation may be granted per fair housing laws	Conditional Use Permit usually required by local government. Reasonable accommodation may be granted per fair housing laws	None if functioning as a family of unrelated adults in a single family dwelling unit. (See <i>City of Santa Barbara v. Adamson</i> , CA Supreme Court, 1980)
ON-SITE MANAGEMENT & STAFF	Yes	Yes	May employ house manager etc. as other families may employ staff to help but no treatment, care or supervision is provided
MANAGEMENT & STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES	Provide treatment/recovery services; ensure property and program compliance.	Provide care and supervision; ensure property and program compliance.	N/A
REVENUE	Client fees/third party public/private funding	Client fees/third party public/private funding	Rent & sometimes third party funding
REPORT PROBLEMS TO:	1. Facility If unsatisfactory response report to : 2. Alcohol & Drug Programs	1. Facility If unsatisfactory response report to: 2. Community Care Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owner • Law enforcement • Code enforcement • Elected officials • Local association if member
CONSEQUENCES OF NUISANCE	Potential loss of license	Potential loss of license	County/municipal fines, civil suit; loss of registration in voluntary associations, shut down home

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