

Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID): Community Residential Living

Right to Placement

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities is required to ensure that all individuals requesting ICF/IID placement are authorized for admission **within 90 days** (Policy Directive #00-06). Individuals who meet ICF/IID eligibility criteria have the right to be placed in an ICF/IID while remaining on the state's Home and Community-Based Services Waiver waitlist.

Florida's ICF/IID Community Residential Program

ICF/IIDs provide health and rehabilitative services to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities in a protected residential setting. Services include ongoing evaluation, service planning, 24-hour supervision, coordination, and integration of health/rehabilitative services to help individuals with severe disabilities function at their greatest ability. ICF/IIDs feature "active treatment" which means consistent, specialized and generic training, treatment, and health services. Individuals served in ICF/IIDs tend to be the most severely disabled, including those on respirators and feeding tubes. ICF/IIDs are designed to provide the highest level of intervention and supports funded by the federal government for people with developmental disabilities.



Types of ICF/IIDs in Florida (86 total – 2,068 licensed beds)

- **Six-Bed (38)** - Six-bed homes operate similarly to group homes. They are located within residential neighborhoods and residents are involved in community activities.
- **Clusters (23)** - Cluster facilities feature three homes located in close proximity but operate as separate living units. Each home has four semi-private rooms. Clusters specialize in extensive medical care and rehabilitative services provide deep-end care to medically fragile people that will be much more costly in institutional settings.
- **64 Bed Campus (6)** - The 64-bed model has four separate living units. Each unit has eight semi-private rooms. Residents participate in day activity programs and community activities.
- **Other (21)** - Other ICF/IIDs are variations of the models described above and have more than 12 residents per home. One site has 120 residents housed in multiple buildings/apartments.

ICF/IIDs Are Different than Other Long-term Care Programs

- ICF/IID care is 100% Medicaid funded, there is no ability to serve individuals through other funding sources.
- All ICF/IID placements are approved by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD).
- Over the last 20 years, Florida transitioned thousands of residents to waiver services; however, the waiver has a waitlist of over 20,000 individuals.
- ICF/IID residents typically have no other place to live, and many have no family, or their family members are unable to care for them.
- Many ICF/IID residents are non-ambulatory and/or have seizure disorders, behavior problems, mental illnesses, visual or hearing impairments, or a combination of these conditions. Almost ¼ (23%) require 24-hour nursing services and a medical care plan in addition to their services plans.
- ICF/IID payment is based on a cost reimbursement model, meaning the state only pays recognized costs. Individuals contribute toward the cost of their care when personal assets are available.
- The occupancy rate for ICF/IIDs is about 95%. The number of beds is frozen per a licensure moratorium.
- The ICF/IID program is highly regulated by the federal government with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) providing licensure approval and compliance oversight.