Note: Each member/responsible person has rights when living in a residential setting. For more information, we encourage you to read the ALTCS Member Handbook and visit the Division’s Individuals and Families webpage for current member resources.
The Division’s mission is to help its members lead self-directed, healthy, and meaningful lives. Planning teams work to find the best option that meets the member’s needs and provides the most independence.

**Independent Living Options**

Independent living options provide the most independence. They may require the member or family to pay for expenses like food, rent and utilities.

**Affordable Housing**

DDD partners with agencies to make affordable housing available to members.

Qualified members must:

1. Be eligible for DDD and may be required to be eligible for Arizona Long Term Care Services (ALTCS).
2. Be between the ages of 18-61.
3. Have a current Person-Centered Service Plan.
4. Meet financial eligibility and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements.
5. Be referred by Support Coordination.

**Individually Designed Living Arrangement (Supported Living)**

Individually designed living arrangements (IDLAs) are homes rented or owned by members in the community. IDLAs provide teaching support and personal care for members.

This type of setting may also be called “Supported Living”.

**Licensed Homes**

Licensed homes are located in local communities. Before moving in, members may:

- Request a tour of available homes.
- Spend time at the home.
- Meet potential housemates.

Members may arrange visits with family or friends after moving in.

Members have household responsibilities. They also receive support to work on the goals in their DDD Person-Centered Service Plan.

Members are responsible for room and board costs. This may be up to 70% of unearned income and benefits like Social Security.

Settings for licensed homes include:

- Group homes
- Developmental homes
- Nursing supported group homes

**Developmental Homes**

- Provide a family-like atmosphere.
- Other family members may live in the home.
- Ideal for members who need some help with daily care needs and learning, but do not need much support during sleeping hours.
- Provide transportation to day programs, work activities, and events outside the home.
- Most are licensed for one to three members.

**Group Homes and Nursing Supported Group Homes**

- Provide staff who are awake 24-hours a day to meet a member’s needs and help them learn skills.
- Ideal for members who need more assistance with independent skills, including cleaning, hygiene, self-help, etc.
- Most homes are licensed for three to four members (no more than six).
- Members living in nursing supported group homes must be approved to receive skilled nursing assistance as part of their DDD Person-Centered Service Plan.

Contact your Support Coordinator or e-mail DDDHousingGeneralInfo@azdes.gov for more information about affordable housing options.