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The contract family model of service was first implemented in Virginia in July of 1991. Currently there are over 1,400 people with significant long-term disabilities served by the Sponsored Residential service model in Virginia.

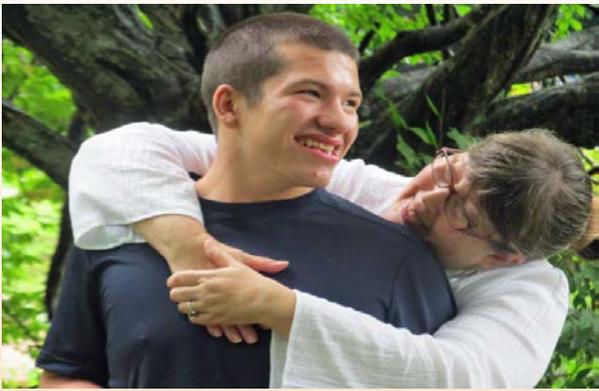
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Since 1991 the pay rate and the regulatory requirements have been at parity with the shift based group home model in Virginia.

The result is a professional quality Sponsored Residential service delivered in typical family homes.



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Why the Sponsored Residential/ contract family model?

**The family is the most important and
successful institution in all of society.**

**Without the family
society would not exist.**



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The contracted family provides:

- **Socialization and enculturation**
- **A bonded, committed, long-term therapeutic relationship**
- **Full integration of the individual into the life of the neighborhood and community.**

The Sponsored Residential Family Provides:

- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Daily meaningful Activity / Community Integration
- ✓ Skill building
- ✓ Medical coordination and medication admin.
- ✓ Food service
- ✓ Supervision of health & safety
- ✓ Financial management
- ✓ Documentation of service delivery
- ✓ Vacation planning and implementation
- ✓ Emergency response
- ✓ Support during hospitalization
- ✓ Informal counseling/Emotional support



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The individuals supported in a Wall Residences Sponsored Residential service are helped to participate in meaningful day activities, including volunteer work or paid jobs.



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Sponsored Residential Providers are experienced adults (average age 53) with professional training and qualifications, quality homes and connections to their neighborhoods & community.

They are often retired professionals with homes to share.



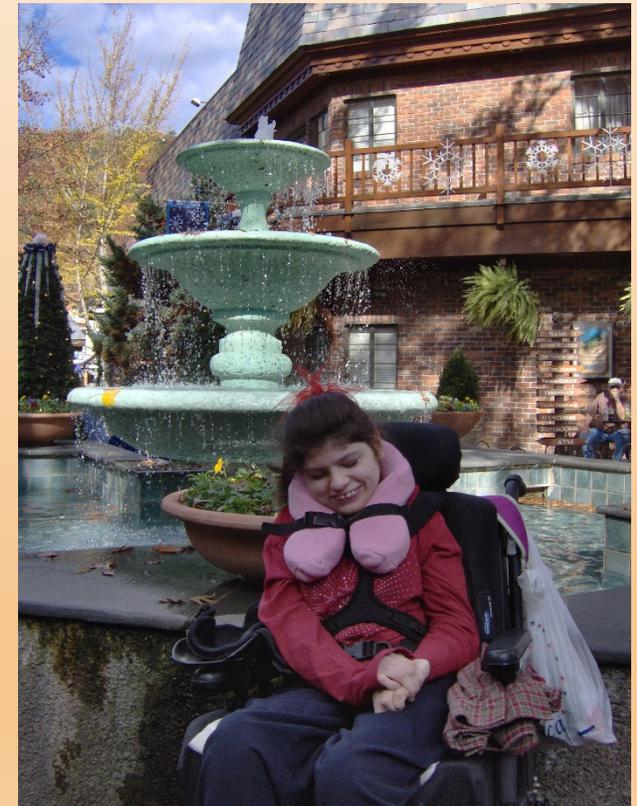
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It is challenging and meaningful work often providing care to people with significant support needs – behavioral challenges and/or medical support needs who have been unsuccessful in less intensive models of care.





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Sponsored Residential Providers are making a 24 hour /7 day per week commitment to the people who share their home. The professional families who deliver this service must receive a high level of support, resources and training to do their jobs. These professionals make an enormous commitment and must have special capabilities to serve a person with significant disabilities and emotional needs in their home.





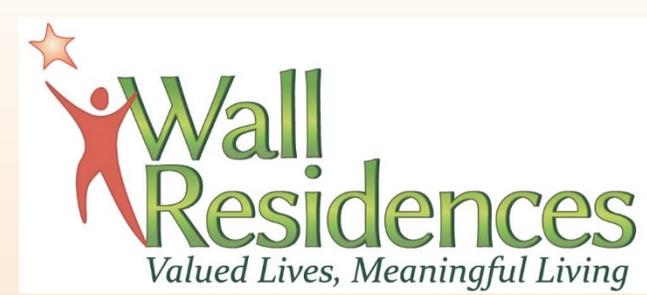
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Wall Residences, celebrating our 20th year, now employs 57 office & professional staff to support 282 contracted family providers and their over 900 back up workers. We are currently supporting 437 individuals with significant disabilities, many who used to reside in Virginia's Training Centers.



Wall Residences Provides Administrative Support & Supervision to Contracted Family Providers :

- **At least monthly site supervision** (including several unannounced visits annually)
- **Quarterly training** – at times with nationally recognized speakers in best practice topics.
- **Frequent communication** – email, telephone & text messaging is ongoing as we are a highly networked agency.
- **Electronic Health Records** allow for remote review of service documentation by staff & state regulators.
- **Mentoring of services** by an experienced provider with each new provider.



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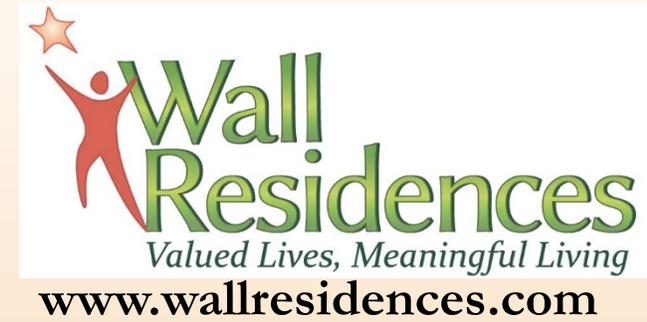


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How much will Sponsored Residential Services be paid less annually than a 4 bed group home per funding tier?

Tiers	Rest Of State	NOVA
Tier 1	\$24,004	\$34,338
Tier 2	\$20,302	\$33,196
Tier 3	\$10,891	\$25,150
Tier 4	\$4,874	\$22,538

Sponsored Residential provides a licensed and highly regulated service, delivered by certified professionals, to individuals with significant needs. This is a more intensive service than a 4 bed group home can provide and yet Burns and Associates is proposing that this service be paid less?



**Parity in rates for
Sponsored
Residential services
– because Virginia
does it better!**



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**Thank you on
behalf of all those
who receive and
provide Sponsored
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