
About Adult Day Care (ADC) or Adult Day Service (ADS) in Ohio

Unfortunately, the Area Agency on Aging cannot provide information on how to start an Adult Day Care center. Adult Day Care is an unregulated industry in the state of Ohio. As such, there are no universal or licensure requirements that an organization has to meet in order to provide ADS. The prospective provider would need to meet the building, fire inspection, occupancy, and other requirements of its local municipality (the Agency on Aging also does not have this information: Contact your local municipality). Likewise, the service provider would need to meet any requirements and obligations of an organization with which they develop a direct contractual relationship. But there are no licensing requirements for Adult Day Care in Ohio.

However, there is a national certifying body that provides certification of adult day care centers via an application and inspection process, and this organization may be able to provide information about the regulations that an organization would need to meet to achieve *their* certification. However, this certification is not a requirement for establishing an adult day care program.

Likewise, there is a statewide professional group for providers of adult day care in Ohio that may also be able to provide general information about starting an adult day care and day care programming. Contact one or both of the following:

Rehabilitation and Accreditation Commission
4891 E. Grant Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85712
520-325-1044
<http://www.carf.org/>

Ohio Association of Adult Day Care
6161 Busch Blvd., #87
Columbus, OH 43229-2508
614-888-9772
<http://www.seorf.ohiou.edu/~xx140/>
(Note: this office is open 9-1 only, Monday thru Friday)

The information provided by these two organizations may provide the foundation for developing a model to follow for establishing an adult day care center. Similarly, the PASSPORT regulations can also provide a model to follow in establishing an Adult Day Care program. These regulations are available on the Area Agency on Aging, 10B, Inc. website at the following address:

<http://64.225.239.30/information/agencyProviderInformation.asp>

The specific rules the provider should access are ‘Adult Day Service,’ ‘Conditions of Participation,’ ‘Criminal Background Checks,’ and ‘Medical Transportation.’

As previously stated, the Agency on Aging is not qualified or authorized to offer advice on starting an agency or business. However, you can try contacting your local chamber of commerce or regional development board to see if they offer a mentor program or small business start-up training for individuals such as yourself. You might also try an internet search for information. For example, The Ohio Council of Home Care (www.homecareohio.org) has a page about starting an agency, plus links to other informative sites. Likewise for the Small Business Administration (www.sba.gov). Other commercial sites such as Small Business Advisor (www.isquare.com), might be additional resources. This does not imply our endorsement of any of these sites or programs; they are offered simply for informational purposes only.

NOTE: Once your program is well established, you can contact the Area Agency on Aging for information about enrollment in our referral programs. However, *your Adult Day Service must already be up and running and serving clients for several months prior to contacting the Agency on Aging.* The AAoA is unable to supply new referrals for start-up programs.