

How to Start a Group Home

Successful new business owners are well informed from the beginning! They know the start up process, their industry and market. There is good news and bad news concerning starting group homes.

- **THE GOOD NEWS: If you want to start a group home, you're in the right place and in the right time.**
- **THE BAD NEWS: THERE'S NOT MUCH INFORMATION OUT THERE ON GROUP HOMES.**

The idea of a group home is unique. For a specific population, it provides the comfort and support of a homelike environment. More importantly, it helps its residents use available social programs and services these homes offer shelter for people who years ago would have found themselves on the street or in a state-run institution with limited services.

This three hour seminar is designed to give you basic knowledge of starting a Group Home by enabling you to avoid many of the bureaucratic roadblocks and frustrations. The following subject matter will be covered.

- How to work with state and local governments
- How to find a good location and how to evaluate a house as a group home.
- How to find start up money
- What to expect in licensing and relicensing process which includes the various inspections your group home must pass.
- How to identify staff including your social worker partner.
- How to work with residents' families and guardians