

## CHOICES FOR A BETTER LIFE

The potential for people with disabilities to lead full and satisfying lives can be the same as for their non-disabled peers. The key is to identify and provide choices for the right types of support. Our staff is skilled at listening to and truly hearing what each person wants for him or herself.



We partner with individuals and families to create a support plan, which could include clinical services, skill training and community activities geared to individual needs and preferences.

The professionals at Fidelity House bring years of experience and special skills to their work. They approach every challenge by showing respect and by earning trust.

## LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Fidelity House assists people with disabilities to participate with friends, families and neighbors in the life of their community.



We empower individuals to participate in community activities, including employment, volunteer work, group and individual experiences and various recreational, social and leisure opportunities.



## Referral Information and Contacts

Fidelity House Human Services is funded through contracts with the Department of Developmental Disabilities, the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission and through private contributions.

Referrals are made through the Department of Developmental Disabilities. An individual or family member can make direct inquiries for information to Fidelity House Human Services.

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## Fidelity House Human Services

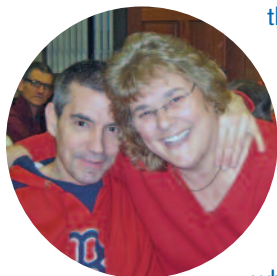
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PARTNERS FOR A BETTER LIFE

Fidelity House Human Services is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing information, services and choices to individuals with disabilities and their families, which help them build a better life for themselves.



At Fidelity House, we see ourselves as partners – partners with the people we serve and partners with other organizations and individuals, who collectively represent a network of resources for people with disabilities. Together, these partnerships form a powerful, nurturing environment of support that encourages individuals and their families to choose their own approach to improving their lives.

Since 1971, the mission of Fidelity House Human Services has been to assist people with developmental disabilities to participate with friends, families and neighbors in the life of their community and achieve the richest and fullest life possible. The agency strives to support the choices and meet the needs of the people it serves through a portfolio of diversified offerings including residential, educational, vocational, developmental and advocacy services.

SERVICES

Fidelity House Human Services is pleased to announce the newest addition to their array of residential services for individuals with disabilities. The agency has received approval to establish its Adult Family Care (AFC) program. Adult Family Care is a MassHealth program that provides compensation to family members or non-family members so that they may care for individuals with developmental disabilities in a home setting. Goals of the program are to delay or prevent out of home placements for individuals who are unable to live alone, and/or to continue to support individuals with changing needs within their agency of choice.

*“Before I moved to Fidelity House I watched a lot of TV, but now I’m too busy; we’re always having fun doing something else!”*

Fidelity House Resident

Family members, who are not guardians, may become caregivers for an individual age 16 or older who have MassHealth insurance and due to medical, physical, cognitive, or psychiatric problems cannot safely live alone. Non-family caregivers are also able to provide services in their homes. Caregivers receive training, vacation and on-going support from an AFC Care Manager, Registered Nurse and Program Director.



CAREGIVERS

Caregivers receive tax exempt payment for providing room and board and for providing assistance to individuals with activities of daily living such as; bathing, toileting, dressing, and other elements of personal care; house cleaning, laundry, and shopping. Individuals also are assisted with medication management, managing their health care, and are accompanied to their medical appointments.



*“Fidelity House has been so good to us. When I needed help, they were always there. It’s nice to know that there are people other than family who truly care about us. Thank you all for everything!”*

Family Member

**Fidelity House provides services in the three complementary areas necessary to empower individuals with disabilities to live a better life – family, home and community.**

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Family, Home & Community