

## **How to Apply for Supported Housing Services in Washington State**

- Call the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS): 1 (800) 974-4428. Ask to apply for a **Core Waiver** for your adult child/family member (name). Request a case manager evaluation right away.
  
- Explain that our child/family member (name) needs supported housing services for a vulnerable adult with an Intellectual Disability.
  
- Your child/family member (name) cannot live with family anymore. Explain why. (ex: parent is too old, child is acting out too often, etc.)
  
- Your child/family member must already receive Social Security Disability payments to qualify for housing benefits. Inform DSHS who is acting as the Representative Payee. If your child/family member is not on Social Security disability benefits, you must first sign up for that. Contact Social Security at: (800) 772-1213 or visit a Social Security office in person.
  
- To qualify for housing benefits, your child cannot have more than \$2,000 in their own personal bank account. You can open a Special Needs Trust bank account and put the extra funds there, with a Trustee managing the account.

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