



**Tips for Choosing
an Assisted Living Home**
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Finding the right assisted living home for your loved one is an important decision. Careful thought and planning should be given to choosing the home to assist your older family member. We suggest that you consider the following tips for placing your loved one in an assisted living home.

Develop your priorities and needs

- ◆ How much can my family member afford to pay? Determine how long the financial resources will last based on the facilities monthly fee. ***Looking ahead, consider what happens if your loved one is not able to pay the full amount.***
- ◆ What do I want the staff to do to take care of my loved one?
- ◆ How will the policies of each home affect my loved one?

Locate an assisted living home

- ◆ Obtain a list of licensed assisted living homes in the area of choice.
- ◆ Ask for a copy of the home's license and list of references.
- ◆ Contact the Maryland Office of Health Care Quality regarding the most recent monitoring, looking for any deficiencies the home may have. They can be reached at 1-877-402-8218 or 410-402-8015.
- ◆ Check to see proof that all staff have criminal background checks completed, in addition to all required training, including CPR and First Aid and Medication Administration.
- ◆ Visit a facility during the week and weekend to observe the services offered and what it is like to live there.

It is very important to interview the assisted living homes and to have a tour and check certification before hiring! Talking to staff helps to determine comfort level with the facility.

Suggested interview questions

- ◆ What experience do you have operating an assisted living facility? What kinds of care did you do?
- ◆ What kinds of activities do you provide for homebound residents?
- ◆ If my loved one is not able or does not want to participate in activities (i.e. trips/adult day care), will staff be provided so that my loved one can stay at the assisted living facility?
- ◆ Why are you choosing to operate your facility?
- ◆ How do you feel about caring for an elderly or disabled person?
- ◆ Are you able to lift someone?
- ◆ How do you handle persons who are angry?
- ◆ Is there anything that you cannot do?
- ◆ What are your staff-to-resident ratios?
- ◆ Can I have a copy of your Resident Agreement (Contract) and Uniform Disclosure Statement?

Facility Contract or Resident Agreement

It is a good idea to have a simple contract with the facility that should include the following:

- ◆ Facility Name
- ◆ Monthly Fee
- ◆ Anticipated type of care
- ◆ Duties to be performed
- ◆ How service may be terminated
- ◆ Signatures of facility director and guardian
- ◆ Address and phone number for both
- ◆ Emergency contact information for both parties
- ◆ Service Plan for loved one

****Make sure to review the contract carefully. Pay special attention to costs, services provided, and discharge policies. Consider having a lawyer review it.***

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<p>Three Bea's Assisted Living, I Connie Stewart 544 Barnacle Lane Lusby, Maryland 20657 443-532-8936 410-586-2001</p> <p><i>*Accepts Medicaid Waiver</i></p>	<p>Assisted Living at Yellow Bank Mamie Young 3825 Yellow Bank Road Dunkirk, Maryland 20754 410-257-4565</p>
<p>Three Bea's Assisted Living, II 2050 Peace Court Saint Leonard, MD 20685 443-532-8936</p> <p><i>*Accepts Medicaid Waiver</i></p>	<p>Caribbean Breeze Assisted Living, I Dean Buckmire 220 Deer Run Court Huntingtown, Maryland 20639 410-535-0684</p>
	<p>Caribbean Breeze Assisted Living, II 4350 Estate Drive Huntingtown, Maryland 20639 410-486-4198</p>
	<p>Caribbean Breeze Assisted Living, III 255 Skinners Turn Road Owings, Maryland 20636 240-286-2741</p>
	<p>Caribbean Breeze Assisted Living, IV 3361 Hall Creek Lane Owings, Maryland 20636 240-286-2741</p>

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<p>Asbury Solomons 11100 Asbury Circle Solomons Island, Maryland 20688 1-800-953-3300 410-394-3000</p>	<p>The Hermitage at St. John's Creek 13325 Dowell Road Solomons, Maryland 20688 410-326-0070</p>
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