

Nursing Home/Rest Home/Group Home Placements

The Lee County Adult Services Unit provides a state-designed service called Adult Placement Services. These services are activities necessary to assist aging or disabled individuals and their families or representatives in finding substitute homes or residential health care facilities suitable to their needs when they are unable to remain in their current living situations. Activities include completing an initial screening and assessment while providing counseling to help the individual and his/her family or representative determine the need for placement; assisting in the process for completing necessary financial applications and medical evaluations; helping to locate and secure placement in a suitable setting; supporting an individual and his/her family or representative in the individual's transition from one location to another; and providing counseling and other services to help the individual adjust to the new setting and maintain placement. Adult Placement Services also include assisting individuals, when requested, to return to more independent settings in the community, or to relocate to a more appropriate setting when new levels of care are needed. To access the service, the person or family representative or other representative must contact Adult Services and request the service. If there are no family members or other representatives, and the Adult Services unit has an Adult Protective Services or other case on an individual deemed to be incompetent, the Adult Services Unit may have to file a petition with the Lee County Clerk of Court to request that the person be declared incompetent so that a Guardian can be appointed to act on that person's behalf. Adult Placement Services are reimbursed on a 25% - 75% ratio via Social Services Block Grant funding, with the county responsible for 75% of the cost until the SSBG funds run out at which point the county is responsible for 100% of the funding for the service time. Billable time is entered on the daysheets completed daily by Adult Services staff. There also may be occasions, specifically following an Adult Protective Services case in which the Adult Services staff determine that the client has been abused, neglected or exploited and is in need of protective services and where the county may have to provide funding to pay for items needed to affect a move into a facility. Once these services are set up, the client/client representative and the Social Worker develop a service plan agreement, which is updated as needed. In addition to completing dictation for every billable entry on the daysheets, the Social Worker is also responsible for completing quarterly reviews and annual reassessments. Activities include transporting clients, making home visits, and coordinating activities with other professionals.