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# Assisted Living Facilities with Limited Mental Health Licenses

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**Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families,  
and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency.**



# Definitions

- ▶ **ALF with an LMH License is:**
  - An ALF licensed and monitored by AHCA that serves 3 or more mental health residents (s. 429.075 F.S.; 58A-5.029 FAC)
  
- ▶ **Mental Health Resident is an individual who:**
  - Receives social security disability income due to a mental disorder as determined by the Social Security Administration or
  - Receives supplemental security income due to a mental disorder as determined by the Social Security Administration and receives optional state supplementation (s. 394.4574 F.S.)



# Our Role

Pursuant to s. 394.4574 F.S., the Department of Children and Families must assure that:

- A mental health resident has been **assessed** to be appropriate to reside in an assisted living facility;
- A **cooperative agreement** to provide 24/7 emergency access information is developed between the mental health care services provider and the administrator of the ALF-LMH;
- A **case manager** is assigned for each mental health resident;
- The **community living support plan** to identify needs and services has been prepared by a mental health resident and a case manager in consultation with the administrator of the facility;
- The ALF is provided with documentation that the **individual meets the definition** of a mental health resident; and
- Each Regional Administrator develops, with community input, **annual plans** that demonstrate how the region will ensure the provision of state-funded mental health and substance abuse treatment services to residents of ALF-LMH facilities.



# How DCF “Assures”

- ▶ AHCA has responsibility to monitor all ALFs per 58A–5.029 FAC; 58A–5.0161(3) FAC
- ▶ July 2011, Contract Language added for Mental Health providers who service ALFs–LMH to implement s. 394.4574 F.S.
- ▶ July 2012, Language in ME Contracts
- ▶ Developed Templates for Community Living Support Plan, Cooperative Agreement, Monitoring Tool



# Training

## ▶ Requirement

- LMH staff whom have **direct contact** with residents must take a DCF approved or DCF provided **6 hour training course** about “working with individuals with mental health diagnosis” **within 6 months** of receiving LMH license **or within 6 months of employment** (58A-5.0191 FAC; DOEA Rule)

## ▶ How Training is Provided Currently

- Regional SAMH or Managing Entity staff or through contracts with community mental health providers at least every 6 months or more

## ▶ Future Direction

- Updated curriculum after surveying ALF-LMHs to determine specific needs
- Provide trainers with new competency-based curriculum
- Provide training on-line by July 2013