

**Department of Social Services
Children & Family Services Division**

Foster Care Rates Bureau



WHAT SHOULD I DO TO OPEN A GROUP HOME?

- Contact Community Care Licensing (CCL) to see what is required to become licensed to operate a group home.
- Contact county social services, probation or mental health to find out the types of programs and services they need.
- To obtain the support of the host county for your program, submit one copy of the Group Home Program Statement to the county (social services, probation or mental health). The host county will review the Group Home Program Statement to determine if the program meets its needs. The county may also schedule an interview and/or site visit. If the host county needs your program, they will issue you a letter of support.
- Submit the License Application forms, including two copies of the Program Statement to the CCL district office.
- Submit the Group Home Program Rate Applications forms to the CDSS, Foster Care Rates Bureau (FCRB). The CCL will forward a copy of your Program Statement to the FCRB.