

The first steps to begin the AFC process...

If you are interested in learning more about The Arc of GHN's AFC program or to begin the process of applying as a member or caregiver, please contact Heather Hess.



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Greater Haverhill-Newburyport

Mission Statement

"To Advocate, Educate, and Explore Opportunities for Personal Growth and Fulfillment"

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a dynamic and innovative organization that recognizes and supports every person's unique gifts and talents. Our work is shifting the focus from "doing for" to partnering with the individuals and families we support.

Our personalized and customized approach allows our partners to pursue their needs and dreams while enriching the community. We strive for excellence by supporting people in becoming leaders and ambassadors of equal opportunity.

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"Providing you with the support and resources to care for your loved one at home"

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What is the AFC Program?



The Adult Family Care (AFC) program is an Arc program funded by MassHealth that pays family or non-family members a monthly **tax free** stipend to care for people in a home setting who are age 16 or older and who cannot live safely on their own.

Registered nurses and case managers offer ongoing education, advocacy, and healthcare oversight through monthly home visits, phone consultations and 24/7 on-call emergency support. The goal of the program is to keep people living in a home setting.

Who is eligible for the AFC Program?

Member Qualifications

- MassHealth insurance;
- At least 16 years of age;
- Have a written order for AFC services from their Primary Care Physician;
- Have a medical diagnosis, physical, intellectual or developmental disability and require supervision or assistance with at least one of the following: eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, ambulating, or transferring.



Caregiver Qualifications

- Must be 18 years of age;
- Can be biologically related to the AFC member, but cannot be the person's legal guardian or spouse;
- Must complete a comprehensive application process, including background checks, annual physical, and home study;
- Must be able to provide 24/7 care* for the AFC member in a home setting in Massachusetts;
- Must be able to accept responsibility for the person's care and supervision of all health related activities.

* **Most people receiving services attend a Monday - Friday day program.**