

Being a referral agent and in and out of Adult Care Homes on a daily basis while interacting with care givers and owners I am acutely aware of the workings of these homes. Another benefit of my experience as a caregiver of many years and a care coordinator of many years further enables me to make a good decision regarding whether increasing the number of residents permitted within these homes is a good one. Many of these homes are well equipped to enable them to care for one or more residents.

Oregon is suffering a shortage of placement beds that are badly needed. We are blessed with very talented caregivers and wonderful homes and increasing their ability to welcome additional residents would be helpful in providing the help that is needed. As needs are growing and homes are closing, so solutions diminishing, alternatives need to be discovered. This appears to be one good one. Please consider increasing the number of residents in those homes that meet the criteria. This can only improve the quality of the care that Oregon can provide.