



## Our Program

Elant's Adult Foster Family Care Program matches elderly or disabled adult clients with families in Dutchess County, NY, who share their homes and provide personal care for the client in the stimulating and nourishing environment of family life.

The program is ideal for elderly or disabled adults who do not need total care, but do require 24-hour supervision and cannot get that care at home. For qualified clients, Elant's Adult Foster Family Care Program is an alternative to residential or nursing home care.

Foster Families and their homes are carefully screened for suitability and family members are thoroughly trained in the needs of clients before being accepted into the program. Compatibility between the client and the Foster Family is paramount in making the match.

Caregivers receive payment for providing room and board and personal care services, and enjoy the many personal satisfactions of living alongside an older, uniquely experienced person. Elant's Adult Foster Family Care Program affords both clients and caregiver families the opportunity for fuller, richer lives.

Contact us today at 845.831.0165 to learn more about our Adult Foster Family Care Program.

## A Mission OF CARING

Elant is a community-based, not-for-profit organization touching more than 3,000 people every day through our network of facilities, home care agencies and community services. For over 25 years, Elant has been a leading provider of health care and housing services and aims to provide exceptional health care and quality of life through innovative programs to those we serve in our communities. We provide a broad spectrum of services to meet the community's changing needs, and emphasize personalized service and respect for the whole person.

### Services:

- Rehabilitation
- Skilled Nursing Care
- Assisted Living
- Retirement Community
- Adult Day Programs
- Home Health Care



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## ADULT Foster Family Care PROGRAM



## Who are FOSTER FAMILY CARE CLIENTS?

- Foster Care candidates must be eligible for residential care and not have a suitable home in the community.
- Candidates must be either 65 years or older, or must be physically disabled adults 18 years old or older.
- Candidates must have some medical needs and a medical diagnosis.
- Candidates require 24-hour supervision, but do not need total care.
- Referrals of candidates are usually made by immediate family members, hospitals, adult homes or the Department of Social Services, OMR and Mental Health Agencies.
- Short term respite may be available at a private rate.

## Who are THE FOSTER FAMILY CARE CAREGIVERS?

- Foster Families may be couples with or without children, single parents or adults living alone or with others.
- Caregivers come from various backgrounds and are persons who are willing and able to be trained as personal care workers.
- In the application process, prospective Foster Families are carefully screened, including references, and a home visit is conducted. Details such as bedrooms, bathroom accommodations, wheelchair accessibility, closet space, smoke detectors and other safety features in the house are checked by Elant staff. Finally, the home is inspected and certified by the Department of Social Services.



## What is REQUIRED OF FOSTER FAMILIES?

- Foster Families must live in a house or apartment with safe accommodations for up to two clients.
- Foster Families must provide 24-hour supervision for the client. Providers must also have a qualified back-up person when necessary.
- The Foster Family must have another source of income to sustain the household and the primary caregiver must not have a job outside the home.
- The caregiver must have a yearly physical.

## How to PAY FOR FOSTER FAMILY HOME CARE

- Social Security
- SSI (Supplementary Security Income)
- Medicaid
- Private Resources

## What do FOSTER FAMILY CARE CLIENTS RECEIVE?

- Clients enjoy a home with a caring family with room, board and personal care from a Foster Family caregiver.
- Clients receive scheduled visits by a registered nurse for services and care management in accordance with Physician's Orders.
- Clients may attend peer-centered activities up to five times a week if eligible.
- Clients receive a monthly personal allowance through the Social Security Administration when eligible.
- Assistance with family/client relations is available to clients at all times.



## What do FOSTER FAMILIES RECEIVE?

- Foster Family caregivers get a monthly payment for both room and board and providing personal care services for each client.
- Foster Family caregivers are trained/certified as Personal Care Workers. They receive continued in-service education yearly. Training includes fire safety, infection control, first aid, patients' rights and communication skills.
- Foster Families are eligible for respite from the foster care responsibilities for up to 2 weeks per year.