

Assisted Living in Oklahoma

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Oklahoma Assisted Living Association

Assisted Living was established in Oklahoma as an independent industry from residential care with the 1997 adoption of the Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act.

Residents move to Assisted Living to receive the necessary assistance to remain as independent as possible in a home-like setting.

Since 1997, Assisted Living has grown as an industry to become the home of more than 8,000 Oklahomans in over 165 residences with applications for new construction not slowing down.

Assisted Livings employ over 6,500 employees in Oklahoma ranging from 10 (lowest) to 200 (highest) per community. On average there are 40 employees per community. In rural areas some assisted livings are one of the largest employers.

In Oklahoma, the majority of Assisted Livings are private pay. Resident's on average pay a base rate of \$3,750 for assisted living and \$5,000 for memory care.

Characteristics of Assisted Living:

- Assisted Living communities are NOT nursing homes or residential care homes. They were created out of a need for alternate care which included resident dignity and choice.
- With the exception of a limited number of Advantage Waiver Communities, Assisted Living is completely funded by the resident.
- Assisted Living is a Social model of care rather than a Medical model.
- Part of the beauty of Assisted Living is there are hardly two residences alike in amenities and atmosphere, providing a taste for nearly every appetite.
- Because Assisted Living is regulated by individual contracts with residents under **Title 63**, Assisted Living providers have the freedom and flexibility to create workable options for seniors in level of care provided and pricing.

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