

**QUIP & EnABLE:
New York State Grant
Programs
for Adult Care Facilities
(ACF's)**

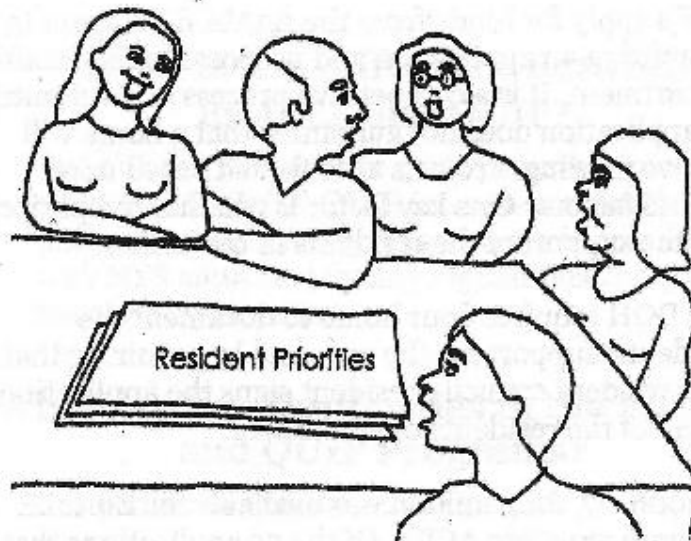


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What is EnABLE?

Enhancing Ability and Life Experience Program (EnABLE)

EnABLE is a grant program established by the New York State Legislature in 2005 and is administered by the New York State Department of Health (DOH). The EnABLE Program offers funding to ACF's, including adult homes, for innovative programs and supportive services that will improve residents' quality of life and empower them to become more independent and integrated into their community.

ACF's apply for funds from the EnABLE Program by submitting an application and proposal to the Health Department. It is a competitive process and submitting an application does not guarantee that a home will receive funding. Projects are selected based upon several factors. One key factor is whether the project has the support of the residents in the home.

The DOH requires your home to document the residents' support for the proposal by requiring that your resident council president signs the application on behalf of the residents of your home.

In 2006-07, \$2.2 million was available for EnABLE Program grants to ACF's. Of the 55 applications that were submitted, 32 applications were funded. Awards to these homes ranged from \$26,000 to \$100,000. Examples of some funded projects include: 1) Purchase an aquarium, 200 safe boxes, provide physical and occupational therapy, nutrition classes for residents and hire a van driver; 2) Implement the Connection Program – a structured socialization, movement and wellness program.

What is the Purpose of the EnAbLE Program?

- To provide independent living skill training to residents.
- To increase residents' activities in the community.
- To improve residents' physical and mental condition.

This Grant Could be Used For:

- GED
- Outside trips such as trips to educational and cultural activities (Botanical Garden, concerts, lectures, museums, ballparks)
- Job and vocational training
- Computer training
- Health and wellness awareness and preventive health care skills
- Nutrition Programs
- Money management
- Resident Medication management
- Air conditioning

How You Can Be Involved in the EnAbLE Program Application Process

Your Resident Council can help your home develop its EnAbLE Program. First, identify the needs and goals that the residents in your home have regarding their independence, community integration and quality of life. Then, discuss the ways in which these needs and goals can be addressed. Finally, discuss these ideas with the management and staff of your home.

See page 6 for suggested steps you can take with your resident council

What is QUIP?

Quality Incentive Payment Program (QUIP)

The QUIP Program was established in 1996 by the New York State Legislature and is administered by the New York State Department of Health (DOH). The QUIP Program was created to provide adult homes and other ACF's that house SSI recipients with additional payments to improve the quality of residents' life and care and to enhance the services provided in the home. QUIP Program payments to individual homes are based on the number of residents on SSI who live in the home. In 2006, eligible homes received \$277 per SSI resident.

ACF's apply by submitting an application that provides a detailed explanation on how the QUIP funds will be used. The QUIP Program is not a competitive process, but every home which houses SSI recipients does not automatically receive QUIP funds. In 2006, those homes that were in enforcement because of resident endangerment did not receive QUIP.

To complete the application, a resident council representative must sign the application on behalf of the council and the residents of the home. By signing, the resident council representative indicates that he or she has reviewed & approved the home's QUIP plan and that the use of the funds are consistent with the residents' needs.

QUIP Funds Can Be Used For the Following:

- Clothing
- Increased recreational activities
- Telephone services and telephones in resident rooms
- Computers
- Hiring additional staff and staff training
- Furnishings
- Equipment
- Improvements to the physical environment of the facility, maintenance & repairs
- Air Conditioning
- Vocational and educational opportunities
- Training for independent living
- ID Cards

How You Can Be Involved in the QUIP Program Application Process

Your Resident Council has input into how your home will spend its QUIP funds by giving its advice and consent to your home's managers. In order to ensure that your home is properly prioritizing the needs of the residents for its QUIP expenditures, the operator and staff of the home should consult with the residents via your resident council.

The DOH has your home confirm and document the residents' support for the QUIP application by requiring that a resident council representative signs the application, on behalf of the residents of your home.

Steps To Help Your Home Obtain Residents' Meaningful Endorsement For its EnABLE & QUIP Applications:

Step 1

Meet as a council and read this booklet together.

Step 2

Identify the needs, goals & priorities of the residents.

- There are a number of ways to accomplish this. For example, you could conduct a survey or develop a list of resident needs, goals and priorities at a council meeting.

Step 3

Discuss the programs, activities, services or items residents would like and that would meet their needs and goals.

Step 4

Vote on the programs, activities, services or items that will benefit residents the most.

Step 5

Document the steps you have taken by writing them down in the minutes.

Step 6

Meet with your administrator to discuss EnABLE or QUIP and present him/her with your minutes and vote.

Step 7

Ideally, management develops an application/proposal that incorporates the residents' goals, ideas & decision.

Step 8

The resident council president or representative signs the application – the result of democratic discussion among the residents and thoughtful discussion between the residents and management.

Keep In Mind

- Plan Ahead. The timeframe for the EnAbLE and QUIP Application process is a short one—2 months at the most. Your resident council should start identifying needs, goals and priorities and developing your recommendations well ahead of time.
- Funds are appropriated in the state budget annually, and funding amounts vary from year to year.
- CIAD is available to answer your questions or provide you with support in any of the steps listed above.

What Is the Difference Between EnAbLE and QUIP?

1. EnAbLE is a competitive grant program open to all adult care facilities. QUIP is a non-competitive program available to homes who are in compliance with NYS adult care facility regulations and that house SSI recipients.

What Are the Similarities in the EnAbLE and QUIP Programs?

1. Residents can and should have input.
2. Both programs are funded by the New York State Legislature and administered by the DOH.
3. The EnAbLE Program is designed to improve residents' quality of life. The QUIP Program has been used to improve a home's infrastructure in the past. However, the DOH has encouraged homes to submit QUIP applications that reflect the residents' priorities to improve the quality of their life.