

FAQ about opening an Adult Halfway House (now called Adult Community-Based Residential Correctional Facilities)

Is there a need? Most of the current community facilities are in the metro area. Whether these facilities are full or not varies. There is a small need in outstate Minnesota. To sustain an adult community-based facility there will need to be multiple funding sources, such as county, state and maybe federal.

What types of residents are sent to a halfway house? To be licensed as a correctional community-based facility, the majority of your residents need to be there as a condition of probation or supervised release. You can take non-correctional residents also. It is important to be aware that the majority of the clients you would get from the MN Department of Corrections are going to be violent offenders or sex offenders.

How do I apply to open an Adult Community-Based Residential Facility? The first thing you need to do is to get approval from the city you want to open the facility in. You also need to have staff 24/7 at the facility. There is more information on the Checklist to Open an Adult Community Based Correctional Facility. After getting approval from the city and reviewing the checklist you can contact the Minnesota Department of Corrections Inspection and Enforcement Unit at 651-361-7146 for more information.