

## HOW TO START AN ASSISTED LIVING HOME

It is a complicated process to start an assisted living home. But below are a few of the preliminary steps to take.

1. Ask yourself why do you want to start this business? If your answer is: to help you make a mortgage payment; to give you something to do; to help get you out of debt; to make a lot of money or other such answer then you should stop at this step and do not proceed to step 2.
2. Go to 625 Silver Ave. SE in Albuquerque or to your local NM State Licensing and Certification office and pick up the most recent copy of regulations which are "Requirements for Adult Residential Care Facilities" NMAC 7.8.2 Effective 8/31/2000. Newer regulations may be coming out in the near future. Read and study this.
3. Write down how many residents you wish to care for; how many bedrooms and bathrooms you wish to have; what type of resident you have knowledge about to care for; and other things that define your business you wish to start.
4. Contact a realtor and work with them for finding you a home.
5. Before signing any paperwork for a house, go to zoning and see if the home you wish to buy meets zoning requirements.
6. Proceed with purchase of the home.
7. Join the Assisted Living Services Organization (A.L.S.O.)
8. Obtain a City Business license and Tax ID number
9. Proceed with directions in the regulations for how to get licensed or call a consultant for assistance.