

What type of questions should I ask when researching facilities? (These questions are only intended as a guide. You will require additional questions depending on your specific conditions and circumstances)

Assisted Living Homes / Group Homes and Foster Care Homes:

- Is the facility licensed?
- Who owns the facility and what is their experience?
- What are the admission requirements?
- What is the monthly cost of care?
- Do they require a deposit?
- Do we have to sign a contract?
- How long can a resident stay in the facility?
- Are there any added expenses, other than the cost of care?
- How many people is the facility licensed for?
- What is the resident to staff ratio?
- Does the facility have an awake staff?
- What are the qualifications of the owners, manager and care givers?
- How does the facility keep records of each resident? (food intake, medication log, etc.)
- How often are showers given?
- Are medications under lock and key?
- Are residents allowed to leave the facility with family or friends?
- What's the typical resident profile? (alert versus confused)
- What are the visiting hours?
- How many people share one bathroom?
- Does the facility provide transportation?
- Is the bathroom handicapped equipped?
- Can a resident have their own telephone line in the room?
- Do they allow pets?
- Who does housekeeping/ laundry?
- Are the residents allowed to bring personal belongings?
- Are meals prepared in the home?
- Do they have a well balanced menu?
- Do they have substitute meals for residents who don't like what's being served?
- Are the residents dressed appropriately?
- What time do residents go to bed and get up in the morning?

- Does the facility have a house-call physician?
- What kind of activities does the facility provide?
- Is there an on-call beautician?
- Can residents receive personal mail?

Assisted Living Facilities, Memory Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities:

- Is the facility licensed?
- What are the admission requirements?
- What is the monthly cost of care?
- Do they require a deposit?
- Are there any added expenses, other than the cost of care?
- How many people is the facility licensed for?
- Do we have to sign a contract?
- What is the resident to staff ratio?
- Is there a nurse on staff?
- Does the facility have a house-call physician?
- How does the facility keep records of each resident? (food intake, medication log, etc.)
- Are residents allowed to leave the facility with family or friends?
- What are the visiting hours?
- Does the facility provide transportation?
- Do they allow pets?
- Do they have substitute meals for residents who don't like what's being served?
- What kind of activities does the facility provide?
- Does the facility have a beauty salon/ barber shop?
- How does a resident get personal mail?
- Can a resident bring a vehicle, where do they park?
- How long can a resident stay in the facility?
- How often does housekeeping clean?
- Are there laundry facilities?
- How often are showers given?
- Is there any medical equipment that is not allowed in the facility?
- Is the facility secure for memory care patients (i.e. wanderers)? (if applicable)