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GROUP HOMES

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Gulf Bend Mental Health Mental Retardation Center operates three group homes in Victoria, and one in Port Lavaca for people who are mentally disabled and meet certain criteria.

Each home is limited to six residents, and all must be adults.

To qualify for residency, the person must:

?Be diagnosed with mental deficiency by the age of 18 or have a related condition.

?If interested in learning about the homes, Gulf Bend will talk to families about the homes. Tours are limited due to residents' privacy issues.

?Potential residents will need to take the Determination of Mental Retardation test to make sure they are mentally deficient.

?After that, potential residents will be placed on a waiting list. The length of the wait will depend on where the person needs to live or the type of service they need.

?Room and board costs depend on the amount of Social Security benefits the resident receives.

Group homes are Northcrest Home, Wheeler Group Home, Edinburgh Home in Victoria and Calhoun Group Home in Port Lavaca.

For more information on group homes, contact Gulf Bend, Richard Wright or Martha Resendez at 361-575-0611.

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