



Long-Term Care Foundation

of Washington State

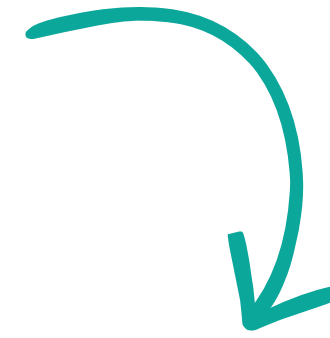
2026 Summer Conference

2026 Overviews, Updates, & Exciting **News**

How We're Removing Barriers to Care



Let's Get **Started**



Our Work: A Brief Overview of Who We Are

Our mission, values, history, and brief overview of our work

Updated AFH Industry Worker Safety Awareness Program

Upcoming relaunch of the worker safety awareness program

Updates & Changes: Adult Family Home Training Network

Changes and updates to the AFH Training Network and how it works

Presenting: Our New Logo & Branding

Presenting our new look and why it's changing

> Our Mission



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To **remove barriers** to caregiver training and workforce access so adult family homes can **stay staffed, stable, and supported.**

> Who We Are



We Remove Barriers

We focus on the highest impact obstacles standing in the way of caregiver training and workforce growth. If it slows people down, prices them out, or blocks access, our job is to remove it.



No Strings Attached

Our support is free, transparent, and built on trust.
No hidden requirements.
No tradeoffs.
No fine print.



We Respect the Challenge

Adult family home providers and caregivers take on demanding, high-stakes work every day. We show up with humility, empathy, and understanding shaped by real experience.

> Our History

How We Were Created

Senate Bill 5672, enacted in 2019, required the state to develop an Adult Family Home Training Network defined in law as:

"A nonprofit organization established by the exclusive bargaining representative of adult family homes designated under RCW 41.56.029 with the capacity to provide training, workforce development, and other services to adult family homes"

> Our Work

A Snapshot of Our Support

As a partner in workforce development, we provide:

- Weekly CEU-credited webinars on provider best practices, hiring and retention of caregivers, caregiver wellness, and more HR-related topics
- Funding to create and develop new long-term care workers
- Data to inform the evaluation and improvement of processes, procedures, and regulations

> Our Work

Weekly Webinars & Monthly Newsletter

Here are some examples of our latest weekly webinar topics:


- Provider Best Practice: Mentoring Your Training Program Attendees from Start to Certificate
- Refining Your Reputation: When it's Time to Refresh Your AFH Culture!
- Caregiver Wellness 3.0: Prioritizing Your Emotional Well-Being Throughout Grief and Loss



Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

June 2026

June has been recognized as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month since 1983, highlighting the importance of recognizing Alzheimer's and the care required for those living with the disease. It also serves as a reminder that brain health is a lifelong priority. June is the perfect time to review and strengthen practices that benefit not just your mental health, but your long-term cognitive resilience.



Mental Health

As professional caregivers, taking care of your mental health is non-negotiable! Depression and anxiety can worsen cognitive decline. Seek help if you notice mood changes, and practice stress-reduction techniques like mindfulness or therapy. Maintain active social connections – deep conversations, group activities, or volunteering to support emotional and cognitive well-being.



Nutritional Health

Choose nutrient-rich foods like leafy greens, berries, fatty fish (Omega-3's), whole grains, and lean proteins whenever possible for your nutritional health, as they support brain cell health, reduce inflammation, and may lower the risk of Alzheimer's.




Financial Health

Taking a proactive approach to financial health helps maintain a strong mindset. Practices such as tracking expenses and savings, avoiding overspending, and considering long-term insurances and asset protection, will help with overall financial decision making.

Sources:

- [Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month | Alzheimer's Association](#)
- [Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month: 10 Tips to Care for Your Brain - CHCCC](#)
- [How to Talk to Aging Parents About Their Finances | June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month – Michigan Financial Companies](#)



Physical Health

Getting into a steady physical health routine will help you eliminate your risks of high blood pressure, obesity, and diabetes, all which can harm the brain. Control these through diet, exercise, and if you're smoking – QUIT!

> Our Work



Care Navigation: In Partnership With WA Health Benefits Exchange

Our **Care Navigation Specialist:**

- ① Assists and/or connects AFH owners and employees with **certified care navigators** to help them acquire **health insurance** through the Washington Health Benefit Exchange
- ② Creates and distributes **informational materials** and provide **technical support** to owners and employees seeking health care coverage
- ③ Annual **open enrollment** begins **November 1st** and ends **January 15th**

Relaunched!

Release Date:

June 16, 2026

Updated Adult Family Home Industry Worker Safety Awareness Program

Learn how to create a safer work environment and significantly reduce injuries in Adult Family Homes.

Time:

15 min or less per micro-module

Benefits

- ✓ Learn about various safety topics such as PPE, Ergonomics, Hazardous Drugs and more!
- ✓ Learn about L&I safety rules, requirements and regulations.
- ✓ CE credit upon completion!

E-Course

- ✓ Over 45 interactive micro modules
- ✓ Educational PDFs
- ✓ Fun knowledge checks
- ✓ Four quizzes



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> Statewide Initiative

- Collaborators: PIM Savvy, LTCF, and AFHC



- Project launched in 2024
- Supported by Washington State's L&I SHIP Grant funding
- **Project:** Revise the Adult Family Home Industry Worker Safety Awareness Program

> The Power of Micro-Learning

- ④ 43 short micro-modules & 4 quizzes
- ④ Optional modules to enhance learning
- ④ Easy to pause and return anytime
- ④ Learn at your own pace
- ④ Mobile-friendly learning anywhere
- ④ Flexible for busy schedules

> Accessible and Flexible

④ English modules

④ Spanish modules

④ ADA friendly modules

④ Plus, 15 multilingual educational PDFs

④ Amharic, Romanian, Russian, Swahili, Spanish, Tagalog, and English

> Relunched on June 16!

- ④ Be among the first to take the revised e-Course
- ④ Receive CE credit
- ④ URL: <https://adultfamilyhomecouncil.org/afh-support/afh-worker-safety-awareness-program>



④ **Questions?**

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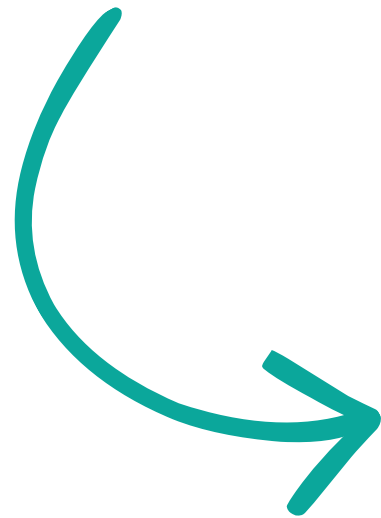
Adult Family Home Training Network

We help assist eligible adult family homes **train and retain** new qualified long-term care workers.

Included in the program, we provide an **allowance benefit** to cover the cost of the training necessary for caregivers in adult family homes to become certified long-term care workers as well as opportunities to further long-term care worker development.

Adult Family Home Training Network

Updates



"Stipend" now called "AFH Training Participant Allowance"

Eligibility to apply for AFH Training Network changed from working 40 hours in the home prior to applying, to only 8 hours

HCA to CNA Bridge Program now covers DOH application and testing fees

HCA to CNA Bridge and Specialty trainings now qualify for AFH Training Participant Allowance

> Adult Family Home Training Network

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Eligible adult family homes must be serving at least **one Medicaid resident**.
- ✓ For owners with more than one home, their Training Network Participant **must work in a home with at least one Medicaid resident**.
- ✓ Owners or their Designee **must attend a one-hour virtual orientation:**
(<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/778410688900046934>)
- ✓ Training Network Participants must have been working **for at least 8 hours in the AFH that is registering them for our program.**
 - * This is an updated change from the previous 40 hour requirement
- ✓ Training Network Participants must provide a copy of a **government-issued ID with picture**.

> Adult Family Home Training Network

Trainings We Pay For

- ④ HCA tuition fees
- ④ CNA tuition fees
- ④ HCA to CNA Bridge Program tuition fees
- * All DOH application fees and state testing fees paid for
- ④ AFH Administrator Training
- ④ CPR/First Aid (initial)
- ④ Specialty Training
 - ④ Dementia
 - ④ Nurse Delegation
 - ④ Mental Health
 - ④ Nurse Delegation (with a special focus on diabetes)

> Adult Family Home Training Network

Language Access Support

Our **Language Access Support** program:

Connects AFH owners and Training Network Participants in our AFH Training Network with approved **community instructors** to work with them in their preferred language throughout the training process for **trainings required** for **HCA Certification** as well as **specialty trainings**.

④ Our Language Access Support is available in:

④ Spanish

④ Romanian

④ Russian

④ Ukrainian

* More language available upon availability (if you personally know of a school who teaches in a language other than English please let us know!)

> Adult Family Home Training Network

Training Participant Allowance

* Previously known as a stipend

In the AFH Training Network, we provide a **Training Participation Allowance:**

to **reimburse** adult family homes to ensure individuals they enroll are paid while completing the HCA or CNA training and certification process

OR

as an **incentive** to the Training Network Participant if they were taking the training on their own time with no interruption of work time

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Eligible Trainings For the Training Participant Allowance

- ① HCA
- ① CNA

* Newly eligible trainings that qualify:

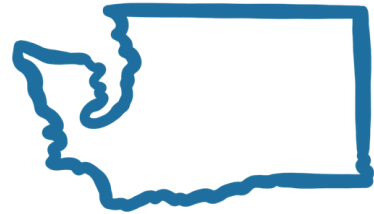
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This year marks 6 years of serving the adult family home community, and 2026 is bringing a lot of **exciting changes**.

The Long-Term Care Foundation is growing
and changing, and we feel our brand
should better reflect **who we are today**.

We are thrilled to present, our new brand ...

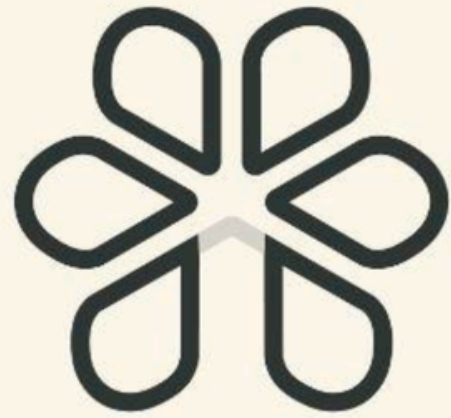


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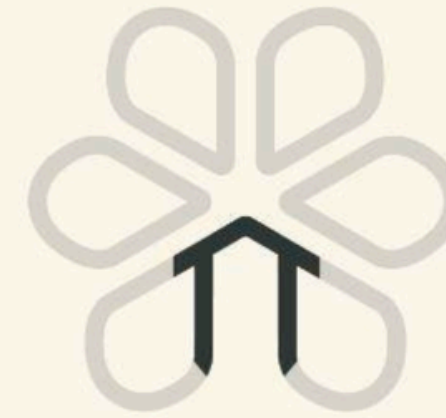
Flower

LTCF grows the workforce. It creates career pathways. It takes people from where they are and moves them forward. The bloom is the strategic Guided Clarity idea made visual: something that starts as a seed (a person without access to training) and becomes something fully realized.



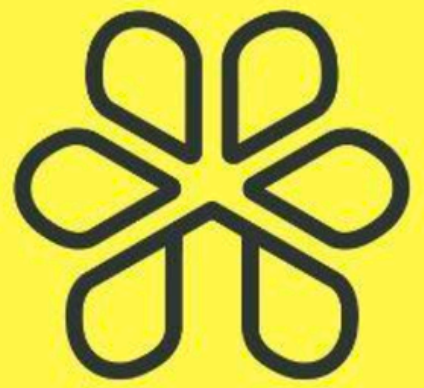
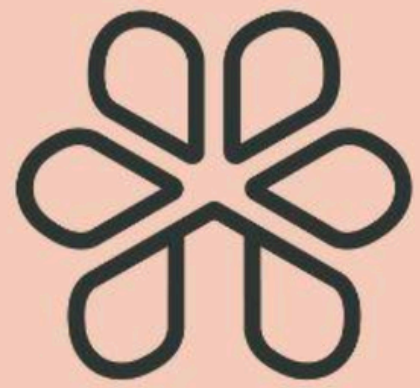
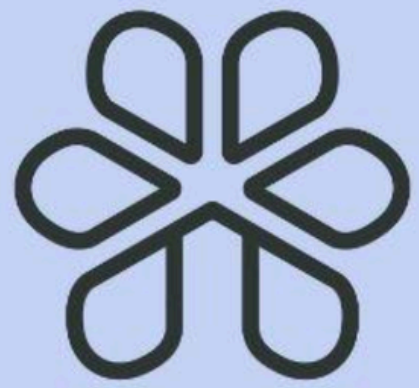
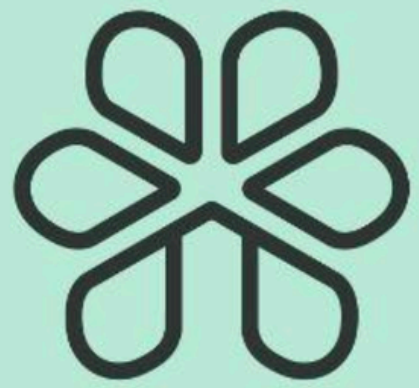
Hearts

Each petal being built from half a heart is doing quiet but meaningful work. It doesn't scream "care brand." the heart isn't literal, it's structural. It's the underlying geometry, not the headline. That's exactly right for a brand that is deeply human without being sentimental. The care is built in, not performed.



Home

The house is a reward for paying attention. It's there for anyone who looks closely enough, which mirrors exactly how LTCF operates in the world. They don't make themselves the center of the story. The home isn't the logo. But it's in there, holding everything together from the bottom up. It represents both who the brand serves (adult family home providers) and the stability and shelter the organization provides to the workforce.





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We are **thrilled** to start rolling out our new branding, be on the lookout in the next month for these new changes!

Our next big announcement?

The LTCF Caregiver Network:

Building the Future Caregiver Workforce

Coming up in our next presentation!



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