Assisted Living Facilities
with Limited Mental Health Licenses

Managing Entity Oversight
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**Definitions**

- **ALF with an LMH License is:**
  - An ALF licensed and monitored by AHCA that serves 3 or more mental health residents (s. 429.075 F.S.; 58A–5.029 FAC)

- **Mental Health Resident is an individual who:**
  - Receives social security disability income due to a mental disorder as determined by the Social Security Administration **or**
  - Receives supplemental security income due to a mental disorder as determined by the Social Security Administration **and** receives optional state supplementation (s. 394.4574 F.S.)
Our Role

Pursuant to s. 394.4574 F.S., the Department of Children and Families must assure that:

- A mental health resident has been assessed to be appropriate to reside in an assisted living facility;

- A cooperative agreement to provide 24/7 emergency access information is developed between the mental health care services provider and the administrator of the ALF–LMH;

- A case manager is assigned for each mental health resident;

- The community living support plan to identify needs and services has been prepared by a mental health resident and a case manager in consultation with the administrator of the facility;

- The ALF is provided with documentation that the individual meets the definition of a mental health resident; and

- Each Regional Administrator develops, with community input, annual plans that demonstrate how the region will ensure the provision of state–funded mental health and substance abuse treatment services to residents of ALF–LMH facilities.
How DCF "Assures"

- AHCA has responsibility to monitor all ALFs per 58A-5.029 FAC; 58A-5.0161(3) FAC

- July 2011, Contract Language added for Mental Health providers who service ALFs—LMH to implement s. 394.4574 F.S.

- July 2012, Language in ME Contracts

- Developed Templates for Community Living Support Plan, Cooperative Agreement, Monitoring Tool
Training

- **Requirement**
  - LMH staff whom have **direct contact** with residents must take a DCF approved or DCF provided **6 hour training course** about “working with individuals with mental health diagnosis” **within 6 months** of receiving LMH license or **within 6 months of employment** (58A–5.0191 FAC; DOEA Rule)

- **How Training is Provided Currently**
  - Regional SAMH or Managing Entity staff or through contracts with community mental health providers at least every 6 months or more

- **Future Direction**
  - Updated curriculum after surveying ALF–LMHs to determine specific needs
  - Provide trainers with new competency-based curriculum
  - Provide training online by July 2013