

QUICK GUIDE

HOW TO BECOME A RURAL LIFE360 HOME

STEP 1

LETTER OF INTENT

Rural Life360 HOMEs are meant to help adults in ARHOME mental illness and substance use disorders in rural areas. To be considered, the applicant must be a small, rural hospital with fifty (50) or fewer beds and an enrolled Medicaid provider located in a rural area. Rural area means an Arkansas county where a hospital is a general or critical access hospital or participant in the Small Rural Hospital Improvement program, or a county with a population of fifty-thousand (50,000) or less.

- Estimated number of people to be served in service area
- Estimated number of people in service area with mental illness and/or substance misuse
- Description of mental health/substance abuse services provided by hospital
- Names of behavioral health providers and services in area that clients could access
- # of acute crisis unit beds the hospital has or will develop

STEP 2

APPLY

DHS has an online application for Rural Life360 HOMEs. You can find it at ar.gov/life360. Documents can be uploaded as part of the online application process. Applications should include:

- Program narrative
- Community analysis network assessment
- Outreach plan
- Proposed referral network
- Staff structure and experience
- How program will not duplicate similar programs in service area
- Start up & first year budget
- Any signed partner agreements
- Data & outcomes plan

STEP 3 & 4

STARTUP AND READINESS REVIEW

Rural Life360s are eligible for startup funds staff, equipment, and supports outlined in approved program budget.

- First startup payment made upon application approval
- Startup must be complete within 120 days of receiving initial funds
- DHS readiness review required
- Second startup payment upon passing readiness review

SEE PROVIDER MANUAL FOR COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS

