



Welcome to Ariel!

We are happy that you are applying with Ariel Clinical Services to support you in caring for the I/DD population. We take pride in the services we offer the Members and Residential Providers. We admire those that collaborate with at-risk populations. We are devoted to aiding our residential providers as a team, while we support an individual shaping and embracing their optimal life journey.

In the application packet, you will find a checklist that can be used to track all the appropriate forms and information needed prior to getting a placement through Ariel. At Ariel, we offer a wide variety of waiver services for our individuals. You may provide services as a Residential Provider (Host Home Provider or Family Caregiver), Residential Back-Up Provider, Respite Provider, or Community Connectors.

- **Host Home Provider or Family Caregiver:** An Independent Contractor who provides needed residential services in their home to people in the Home and Community Based Services – Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) waiver.
- **Residential Back-Up Provider:** Provides relief to the Independent Contractor for DD waiver participants. Timeframe and pay are negotiated between the two parties.
- **CES/SLS Respite:** Provides relief to the primary caregiver. This service is coordinated through Ariel and requires a W-9 for payment.
- **Community Connectors (CES/CHRP):** Community based programming that focus on youth-centered goals for personal growth and working together to empower the youth in their passions and interests while improving skills and talents.

Please understand that this process takes time. The process depends on how long it takes to submit all the required documents, background checks, and completion of training. The second part of this process is dependent upon the individuals and their guardians. All want to ensure the individual and/or guardian feels good about where their loved one will live and with whom. Each individual's path toward an Ariel Provider is unique depending on their circumstances and preferences.

- It takes approximately two weeks to process your application, which includes background and reference checks.
- Background checks include: DMV, CBI, CAPS, OIG.
- Our goal is to align the individual's desires and requirements with a provider's strengths, skills, and lifestyle.
- You will have the opportunity to review the referral file and have your questions answered.

What to expect after you are approved:

- HUD Home inspection
- Provider Training:
 1. Provider Orientation and Onboarding Training
 2. THERAP software
 3. Mandatory Reporter
 4. Person-Centered Practices
 5. CPR/First Aid
 6. Verbal De-escalation (examples include: CPI, Safety Care)
 7. Medication Administration (QMAP).
 8. Other specific training or certifications may be required based on Member needs.
- Independent Contractor Contract signed.

We are thrilled that you are considering us to partner in your journey with this population and look forward to discussing the possibilities with you in the future.

Sincerely, *The Ariel Team*

Who is Ariel?

Ariel was started in 1994 by a Special Education Teacher and a Child Psychologist as a therapeutic foster care agency. Both had a passion for children with special needs. Many children Ariel served needed ongoing support as they transitioned into adulthood. At that time, we had an individual who was developmentally delayed and was aging out of foster care who needed a host home. So, we became a multi-service agency in 2005 to support Adults with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. The Members we serve have a wide range of intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities. We specialize in matching the people we serve to dedicated and caring Residential Providers.

What does it take to be an Ariel Provider?

Ariel Residential Provider Expectations:

- Open your home and offer a nurturing and trauma-informed environment.
- Assist with personal care, meal planning and preparation, medical appointments, community activities, safety skills, shopping, and more.
- Recognize teachable moments and how to learn from them.
- Understand their rights.
- Find personal strengths.
- Be involved in their community and provide an enriched life.
- Be willing to be an Independent Contractor.

Why choose Ariel?

There are many reasons to become a Residential Provider with Ariel.

- Competitive rates and continuous training and consistent support.
- Nursing, Mental health and Behavioral staff available for consultation.
- Advocacy for Members and our Residential Providers.
- Case Management staff to coordinate care, identify needs, and to support the person receiving services.
- Administrative staff to assist with benefits and money management.

Ariel's Mission Statement

Ariel's mission is to provide safe, nurturing, and supportive environments for our clients so that they may have the opportunities to develop their strengths, maximize their potential and fully participate in society.