

Ann L. Ward Congregate House: A place to call home

Over the past decade, the Ann L. Ward Congregate House has served as home to more than 100 elderly and disabled individuals who might otherwise have been prematurely placed in a nursing home.

Ann L. Ward residents enjoy the independence and socialization offered in a congregare living situation, as well as the sense of security that comes with professional medical support.

The site of the Ann L. Ward Congregate House, formerly a convent, was originally established by the Brockton Housing Authority in 1988 under the name St. Edward's Congregate Housing. The house was renamed in 1990 in honor of Ann L. Ward, a longtime advocate for seniors who chaired the Brockton Council on Aging for 18 years.

BAMSI coordinates the administrative and home health services at Ann L. Ward Congregate House in partnership with the Brockton Housing Authority, which owns and maintains the facility, and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, which provides financial support.

A part of BAMSI

Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc. is a statewide human services organization dedicated to "bringing people and services together." Incorporated in 1975, BAMSI is one of the largest minority non-profit organizations in Massachusetts and delivers a broad spectrum of high-quality services to individuals and families. Program services include day and residential programs; counseling and outreach; school-based services; child and family support services; and information, referral, and advocacy.

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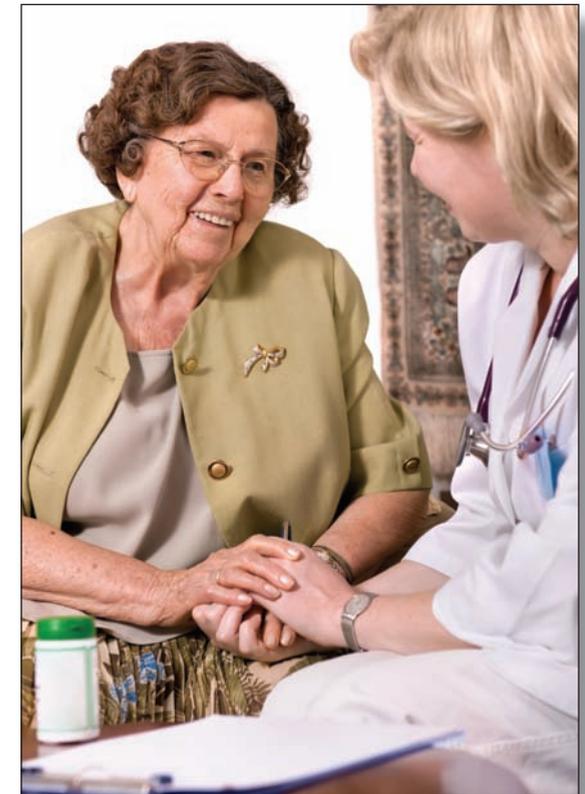


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How congregate housing works

Congregate housing is a shared living environment for elders or physically challenged individuals who find it too difficult to maintain their own home. Congregate housing addresses both social and physical needs as nurses, home-health aides, homemakers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and counselors are available based on needs and eligibility.

The benefits of congregate housing include a supportive community for elders who wish to live as independently as possible. The facility is designed to provide residents with the opportunity for security and companionship while preserving personal privacy. Shared meals and recreational activities are available, as well as professionally coordinated services.



When considering participation

Tenants in congregate housing are elderly or disabled people who seek to maintain an independent lifestyle. In order to be considered for residency at the Ann L. Ward Congregate House, applicants must:

- Be 60 years of age or older or be disabled
- Not require 24-hour medical care or supervision
- Meet financial eligibility guidelines of the Brockton Housing Authority
- Be medication compliant

Applicants are assessed through a series of interviews, with final approval made by a team of community-based professionals representing BAMSI, the Visiting Nurse Agencies, Mental Health Agencies, Councils on Aging, the Brockton Housing Authority, and Old Colony Elderly Services.



How the Ann L. Ward Congregate House is designed

The congregate home includes private apartments, with a total capacity for 22 residents. Each tenant has a private bedroom and half bathroom.

Four tenants share a kitchenette, shower, and tub facilities. All residents have access to the living room, dining room, and entertainment room as shared common areas. A meal program is offered Monday through Friday.

The facility is handicapped accessible with an elevator and ramp providing easy access.

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