

Consider Your Elder Care Options Carefully

Sorting through elder care options can be a daunting task. Most families struggle with the many decisions that need to be made. Even if it's obviously time to take steps to protect a loved one's health and safety, the financial, practical and emotional challenges can be overwhelming. Where can you find appropriate, skilled, dependable care that serves the physical, mental, and emotional needs of your loved one?

Let's start with a general comparison of your options:

Keeping your loved one at home or with family

Pros

- The most comfortable option for your loved one if it's possible.
- Depending on the care required, may be the most cost-effective option.

Cons

- May not be safe for people with serious illness, dementia, and/or fragility.
- Family members may not have the time to devote to elder care.
- Finding a skilled, dependable caregiver can be difficult.
- Lack of state inspection makes it difficult to oversee quality of care.

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Victorian Quality Elder Care

- Your loved one will receive skilled care from an experienced, full-time Registered Nurse (RN) who lives on site.
- We are devoted to elder care. It's our calling and our passion in life to provide a home that meets the health, safety, dietary, emotional and social needs of your loved ones.
- Victorian Elder Care is state inspected, but more than that, we go above and beyond the required care and hygiene standards. We want your loved one to feel comfortable and enjoy the best health possible. We also want you to sleep well at night, knowing your loved one is receiving expert, round-the-clock care.

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Pros

- Your loved one will receive skilled care.
- Facilities are state inspected.

Cons

- Institutional atmosphere is not homelike, which can be stressful.
- Staff is responsible for large number of people.
- Expensive.

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Victorian Quality Elder Care

- Victorian Elder Care is not a "homelike atmosphere"—it's a home where your loved ones live as a valued member of our household.
- Our facility and the number of housemates we care for is small, which allows us to know and care for our residents personally.
- We are easily more cost-effective than institutional care.

Other Foster Homes

Pros

- Homelike atmosphere
- State inspected
- Smaller population
- Generally more cost-effective than institutions

Cons

- May not have RN on staff
- May not have the levels of training and experience you need

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Victorian Quality Elder Care

- Ileana Ivan, RN, BS has more than 18 years hands-on experience caring for the elderly. Her skill at assessing care needs and implementing sensible solutions, coupled with her genuine enjoyment and respect for the people she serves, made operating her own elder care home a natural fit. Victorian Elder Care opened in 1994.

Then think about some specifics:

Victorian Quality Elder Care welcomes private pay residents who are over 65 and/or disabled and:

- Need acute rehabilitative care on a temporary basis, long-term skilled care, palliative or hospice care.
- Have chronic conditions such as stroke, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, COPD, diabetes, gastric tubes, catheters, colostomy, incontinence, tracheostomy tube, and other health issues requiring skilled care
- Want to live in a safe, comfortable home devoted to their well-being

Next step: Call Ileana at 503-656-4774 to schedule a tour of Victorian Quality Elder Care and receive a free pre-screening assessment for your loved one.