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With the Boarding homes/renters. We have to change the word commercial to residential. I have 4 home and they are all residential. Want thing I feel we should continue education . If it's boarding home license or renter. We all care for individual that need their needs to be met.

I have lived in my place for the last 28 years and I have been adopted all my other homes for my septics. And having the other homes on my land. I have tried to get a county license and have not been able to. With the section of rooms. There should be privacy to everyone that lives in the home. One bathroom for 0 people don't cut it. A lot others have quantity but I am for quality. My friends brother is in a home that has 15 people in one bedroom. With one bathroom. Beds all lined up in a row. Is that quality? To me that's dangerous. What happened some clients are use to that kind of way of living. My fiends brother lived in his one apartment on my land. He was with me for 5 months and could not live here because he was used to or adapted to that kind of living or environment.

Who am I to say that right but I wouldn't want my children or family member to ever live like that. I'm sorry each to their own but I can't and won't do that. I'm here for quality. Privacy. Building them Up. Their lives do matter . I had fire safety come in and I have tried to fix my place so I can be in compliance. I want only the best for them. I feel we can teach them to be independent. I have educated the ones that have lived with me. They have rights and I teach them their rights. I do one meal and that's dinner. I do get snacks for them so for in case they get hungry. They have microwaves refrigerator in their homes. Some cook for themselves .

I do not give medications. They give their own meds. I am not license to give them and my attorney Mark Jaffe has told me not to give them meds because I am asking to get sued. It is not in my field so I do not do it. I make sure they have a care coordinator that follows them and knows of what is going on it's the individuals. I will facilitate but I try to get the guardians more involved because they are in charge of decision and of their clientele life.

I can't afford other staff especially with 2 renters that are self diffident . But if it comes a time I have to care for someone who needs total dependent care then I would do it and make sure everything would be in place. Right now I won't be able to because I am not a 24/7 Care and don't have the people / staff to help me