

## Vision

Communities where every person lives with dignity and enjoys a full life.

## Mission

Supporting people to live as full citizens.

## What is Home Sharing/ Shared Living?

Home Sharing is a unique lifestyle that helps to integrate and build relationships between individuals, families and communities.

Home Sharing is for individuals who want to share a home with a family or a person.

Supports may include assistance with self-care and relationship building, life skills, meal preparation, personal care and use of community resources and services.

Home Share Providers are expected to support individuals to become fully integrated by treating them as equal participants in the home, family and community.



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## Things to Consider before becoming a Home Share Provider

Becoming a Home Share Provider is a lifestyle choice that can be both challenging and extremely rewarding. A compatible placement can enrich the lives of an individual and you and your family. The following are some things to consider before making your decision:

- What type of supports is your family able to provide? How can you get a person with a disability involved in your community?
- What kinds of positive differences could you add to their life?
- How can you assist a person with a disability to develop their self-esteem?
- How can you help to expand their circle of friends and support network?
- How can you encourage and promote their current relationships with their family and friends?
- How can you support their family with their concerns and challenges in this process?

## Process and Selection

Once you have been approved as a Qualified Home Share Provider you will be matched with the specific needs, (physical/mental/behavioural), interests and lifestyle of a person needing support. There are many considerations involved in selecting the appropriate match for an individual and their family. These include:

- Family input and selection
- Location and community
- Layout and space available in your home
- Family dynamics and interests
- Experience (medical/behavioural)

## Expectations of our Home Share Providers

Commitment to develop and nurture positive relationships between Home Share Providers, their family and the individual's personal support network;

Work together with CLS and the individual's support network to provide the best care possible;

Develop and encourage goals for the individual; Ongoing support to the individual for independence and relationship building;

Continuous reporting to CLS and the individual's family and/or support network;

Preparation for ongoing monitoring, support and training from CLS.

## Requirements to become a Home Share Provider

Prior to being approved as a potential Home Share Provider, CLS requires the following:

- Experience and/or training working with people with disabilities or a health related field
- Current First Aid Certificate
- Criminal Record Check
- Physicians Reference
- Signed Confidentiality Form
- Signed Release of Information to CLBC and the Ministry of Children and Family Development for a Prior Contact Check
- Three (3) References (including at least one Employer Reference)
- Copy of Valid Class 5 Driver's License and Driver's Abstract
- Completed Application Forms
- Completed Home Studies
- Proof of WCB Coverage
- Minimum of \$3 million automobile third party liability insurance

