

Triangle, Inc.'s Shared Living Program

Information for Home Providers

Shared Living matches an individual with a disability to a Home Provider who welcomes them as an equal, contributing adult member of the household.

In addition to providing support with the logistics of life, the Home Provider also finds creative and fun ways to help the individual expand their interests and community network.

Home Providers receive generous tax-free compensation and ongoing support from Triangle's team of human service professionals. The matching process is individualized to carefully incorporate everyone's needs and preferences.

Responsibilities

Becoming a Home Provider is a big commitment, but it can be an incredibly rewarding and enjoyable experience. Because the Shared Living program is tailored to meet the needs of every individual we support, the Home Provider's responsibilities can vary widely. A Home Provider may be expected to:

- Ensure the individual's safety and well-being at all times. In some cases, a person will be approved to stay home alone for limited amounts of time. Some individuals have employment or other supports during certain hours. Scheduled respite is available.
- Provide the personal care assistance that an individual needs (feeding, bathing, dressing, toileting, ambulating, and/or transferring). One person might need considerable support, while another may need none at all.
- Help the individual access the community. This involves introducing him/her to people, identifying activities of interest, coordinating transportation, attending events, and generally including him/her in the household plans.
- Complete progress notes and data sheets as needed to track health, behavior, and goal achievement.
- Participate in monthly monitoring visits at the home, as well as periodic team meetings.
- Maintain a home that is clean, safe, and welcoming, and meets the requirements of the Shared Living Qualified Setting Checklist.
- Prepare nutritionally balanced meals and snacks.
- Oversee the individual's general health, observing for changes and following through with health care provider recommendations. The Home Provider will

typically arrange the individual's medical appointments and provide transportation and support.

- Administer medications if needed, and track prescription medication needs.
- Promptly notify Triangle when the individual will require alternative care for any reason.
- Promptly notify Triangle of any incidents or emergencies.
- Treat the individual with respect, dignity, cultural competency, and awareness of human rights. His/her preferences and needs must be considered in the household.

Training

Training is a key component to successful Shared Living relationships. Home Providers need to know that they have the resources to fulfill their roles with confidence, and individuals need to know that they are receiving supports from a respectful, competent, safe, and informed person. To become a Home Provider, you must complete an initial orientation and training program. This will require several days of your time, and may involve online learning and self-study, as well as training sessions at Triangle.

You will continue your training throughout your time as a caregiver, completing in-service training each year. Triangle will connect you with training opportunities, but you are welcome to identify useful trainings on your own, as long as the Triangle team approves them in advance.

Other things to note

To ensure safety, Triangle requires all Home Providers to:

- Complete a Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) check
- Complete a fingerprint screening
- Submit a driving record that satisfies Triangle's criteria
- Be free of mental, physical or other impairments that would interfere with your ability to be a responsible caregiver and perform all necessary duties

Need more information?

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