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Years Experience

History

In 1982, a family in Berks County, Pennsylvania, initiated a program called “Family Living” or “Shared Living.” Their primary objective was to provide support to their friend in their own home. The term “Family Living” was later changed to Lifesharing to reflect the diverse relationships among the individuals being assisted and to better describe their lifestyles and choices being supported.




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About

We are excited to share with you the joys and fulfillment that one can obtain by participating in lifesharing!

We will be committed to providing individuals an opportunity to share their life with a compatible family. Our agency will ensure health and happiness while a new family is created by Lifesharing; giving all involved an ideal foundation for learning, self esteem and fostering independence.

We are currently looking for individuals in search of an ideal situation of support, nurture and guidance. We also would like to begin relationships with families that are looking to provide a safe and stable home environment for those we serve.

Lifesharing can be a positive experience for those in need of a solid familial foundation, but it can also provide a perfect scenario for those looking for a different living arrangement.



What is Lifesharing?

Lifesharing involves residing with and exchanging life experiences with a supportive individual or family, forming a nurturing household. This arrangement fosters a close personal bond and provides a living space. Lifesharing enables individuals with disabilities who will cater to their everyday needs and aspirations.

How does it work?

Lifesharing is an ODP-funded program, individuals can use the Community Living Waiver, Base Funding, or a Consolidated Waiver.

What is expected of Lifesharer?

Lifesharers are to provide a warm, nurturing home while supporting people to enhance their lives. The family or individual must comply with the policies, procedures, and regulations of the agency, the county, and the state to provide a safe, nurturing, and healthy environment.

Who can be a provider?

Providers can be singles, companions, married couples, birth families, relatives, and legal guardians.



Application process

The application process includes child abuse clearances and criminal history check, reference checks, home inspection, and pre-admission training.



Matching process

During the matching process, we consider demographics, level of care, alone time, day programming, respite care, and likes and dislikes.



Benefits

In addition to have the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, each month the provider is paid a generous stipend. This varies from \$2,700.00 to \$5,202.00 a month (up to \$62,000 a year). This is dependent on the level of care the individual needs. This stipend is tax-exempt.