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Adult Services Shared Living Program

Make a difference and make a living as a Shared Living provider

Making a Difference through Shared Living

Shared Living providers welcome individuals with developmental disabilities into their homes and lives. In the comfort and security of a stable and safe living environment, the individual is exposed to unique opportunities to develop the skills needed to participate in daily activities and thrive in the community. Whether a Shared Living provider is a family, a couple, or an individual, they support and advocate for the individual to experience greater independence. This model of direct care respects the dignity and self-determination of the individual.

The objective of Latham Centers' Shared Living program is to provide a safe, secure, enriching home setting, and to empower the individual to develop relationships within the home and the community.

The Shared Living provider works on a contract basis with Latham Centers and is compensated monthly with a generous stipend for their services and the needs of the individual in their care.

Shared Living Provider Responsibilities

- Ensure resident's safety and self-preservation
- Management of financial resources
- Coordination of health services (medical, dental, and mental health care)
- Assistance with weather-appropriate attire, personal hygiene, and other personal needs
- Training on the utilization of vocational, social, recreational, religious, and other community resources
- Mentoring and instilling appropriate personal and social conduct, along with interpersonal relationships
- Administration of any prescribed medications
- Assist individual in his/her attainment of personal goals per Individual Service Plan (ISP)
- Documentation of ISP goals, medication treatment, and communication log
- Attend annual ISP meeting and provide progress reports on individual's ISP goals
- Complete annual trainings including:
 - Human Rights (Department of Developmental Services)
 - Mandated Reporter (Disabled Persons Protection Commission)

Certifications

The Shared Living provider must obtain and maintain CPR and First Aid certification.

Each Shared Living placement is uniquely tailored to meet the needs and interests of the individual.

The Shared Living provider works cooperatively with Latham Centers and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in the coordination of the individual's care. This may include allowing a representative of Latham and/or DDS to visit the home (with proper notice) for the purpose of:

- Monitoring the care and supports provided to the individual
- Conducting fire and other safety inspections
- Carrying out case management and other programmatic compliance functions with the individual and provider

To foster proactive communication and program continuity, the Shared Living provider is required to report all significant behavioral and/or medical related incidents involving the individual to a representative of Latham Centers and/or DDS.

Latham Centers' Shared Living team provides extensive support to our Shared Living providers and individuals with the following additional services:

- Nursing support
- Case management support
- On-call assistance (24/7)

Latham supports our Shared Living providers by providing comprehensive training, and opportunities to connect with the greater Latham community.



For more information on becoming a Shared Living provider or providing a referral, contact Caren at:

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Our Shared Living Program serves individuals throughout Cape Cod and southeastern Massachusetts