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Lifesharing

A home to live and grow.







Sharing Life, Gaining Independence

When individuals desire to live in an independent setting while still having the support of a family environment, Access Services offers Lifesharing to meet their needs. Through Lifesharing, these individuals enjoy the benefits of nurturing homes and qualified host families, specifically trained to provide support and personalized, long-term care.

Individuals in the Lifesharing program attend school, work and day programs. As they become more comfortable in their new homes, they begin to forge new relationships and lead fuller, more fulfilling lives.





Qualified, Compassionate Providers

Lifesharing is based on the needs of each individual. Before moving in together, providers and care recipients meet to gather information and ensure a good match. Providers also receive constant support and guidance from colleagues and Access Services' professional Lifesharing teams.

All providers undergo an extensive application process, submit multiple references, pass a thorough home safety inspection and criminal, child abuse and police background screenings. Finally, there is a home study process in which an Access Services employee interviews the provider in their environment.

The Natural Family's Role

Families of care recipients are encouraged to take part in the Lifesharing process as much as possible. Once the Lifesharing program begins, the natural family is able to continue being a part of their loved one's life through visits, support, holidays spent together and participation in team meetings. The ongoing role of each family is unique to each situation.

Why Choose Lifesharing?

- We offer one of the largest Lifesharing programs in Pennsylvania.
- We maintain one of the most extensive networks of providers in the area.
- Lifesharing recipients learn skills to help them to lead more independent fulfilling lives.
- Lifesharing is more affordable than most residential living options.

For more information on Lifesharing or other Access Services programs, visit **accessservices.org**.