VistaCare
Vision and Values

Shared Living Provider FAQs

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What are the benefits of becoming a Host Home Provider?

The individuals whom we are served will become honorary members of the provider's family. This shared living arrangement offers a family support system that encourages community involvement. As you welcome a new person into your home, everyone involved will feel the impact of making a positive change in the individual's life.

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What are the eligibility requirements for me as a provider?

There are various eligibility requirements including but not limited to a high school diploma or equivalent, valid driver's license, a home inspection, reliable computer and internet access, valid CPR/First Aid certification, and support training.

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What training is required and is it offered through Vista Care?

Vista Care provides the initial and ongoing training. In addition, a Host Home Provider would need to complete CPR/First Aid certification.

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Can I still work my regular job and be a Host Home Provider?

Some individuals either maintain their own independent jobs or attend a day program. This may allow you to work regular shifts while they are managing their own responsibilities. There is an expectation that if the individual needs support while you are at work or another obligation, you will make yourself available to provide that person with support.

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How am I matched with and individual?

Individuals and host home providers are matched through an interview and compatibility process. Then, visits between the potential provider and individual will be conducted to have time to get to know each other. Vista Care makes every effort to ensure it's a mutually beneficial match.

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What new expenses can I expect when an individual is placed with me?

You may experience limited increases in expenses such as obtaining liability insurance as an independent contractor and purchasing supplies (first aid kit, fire extinguisher, and/or items for an emergency kit). Contributions to room and board expenses are paid on a monthly basis.

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What rate of pay will I receive as a provider?

The rate that providers receive is based on a daily rate of service that is provided while the individual is living with you. You will submit daily documentation electronically through our database and complete a service log for your time at the end of each month.

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What support will I receive as a provider?

Vista Care supports providers through a Person-Centered Planning (PCP) team of natural supports and professionals, to guide and inform in the successful care of individuals. Additional support is accessible on a regular basis from a Service and Support Director (an employee of Vista Care), including linkages to other Host Home Providers who offer respite care.

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How long with an individual stay with me?

The individual(s) will stay with you until you retire or the individual becomes too medically involved to be cared for in the home. At that time, they would move to a skilled nursing facility or another environment that is better equipped to provide the care that they need.

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How will being a Host Home Provider affect how I file my taxes?

In most cases, Vista Care's compensation is tax-free to Providers, excluding Room & Board and some other non-Shared Living/Host Home payments. Providers are encouraged to consult with a tax professional.

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I am interested in learning more. What are next steps?

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