



## Our Mission:

To empower and serve people in need of specialized supports by providing innovative services that improve their ability to live fulfilling lives in the community.

# Host Family Opportunities

*Open Your Heart and Home*

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Many individuals achieve success in life—but to get there, they require a nurturing and supportive family environment that provides stability and love.

## Become a Host Family

Our recruitment department is dedicated to finding caring, qualified individuals and families to be Access Services Host Family providers. Each Host Family takes part in an orientation, a comprehensive home study, home safety inspection, as well as criminal, child abuse, and background screenings before being accepted. In addition, all families receive ongoing training, support and guidance.

By becoming a Host Family provider, you will enjoy the opportunity to significantly improve the quality of life for the individual in your care.

*You must be 25 years of age to become a provider. Driver's license and vehicle are required.*

## Host an Adult

Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have not always had access to host family programs like Lifesharing. Access Services has changed that for hundreds of individuals and has brought joy and meaning to the families that open their homes to an adult making their way in the world. Many of these adults are employed, attend educational classes, or participate in day programs. Furthermore, the stability and interdependence of a Host Family provides a deeply meaningful home environment for individuals to grow and thrive.



## Host a Child

“Foster” means to nurture. “Care” means to provide. Therefore, foster care provides the healing and nurturing a child requires within a family environment, in which we believe is the best place for any child to grow, develop and flourish. Foster Parents take on the professional, yet loving role of healer and nurturer for infants, children and teenagers\* who are in need of direction and stability in their lives. Whenever possible, reunification with the natural family is a goal. Lives are changed forever by the gift of love in a supportive home.

*\*in some cases, up to 21 years of age*

## Respite Services

There are also short-term caregiving opportunities available through our Respite Program. By becoming a Respite Provider, you will be welcoming an adult or child into your home on a temporary basis. Your compassionate support and care to someone with an intellectual/developmental disability or someone living with a mental illness will ensure an enjoyable respite experience while setting their primary caregiver's mind at ease.

Call your nearest location on the back of this brochure to get started.

For more information, on host family opportunities or other Access Services programs, visit [www.accessservices.org](http://www.accessservices.org).