Share your home with someone you know

- Are you 21 years or older?
- Do you have a high school diploma or GED diploma?

Would you like to share your home with someone you know who has intellectual and developmental disabilities and needs support?

Contact your local DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) office and ask to speak with a resource manager, or contact regional staff listed on the back of this brochure.





Contact DDA to learn more about becoming a Companion Home Provider.

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What is a Companion Home?

Companion Homes provide 24-hour support and supervision for one adult in a typical home setting, with short-term relief (also known as respite) available to the provider.

It's built on an adult foster care model with a room and board agreement and a daily rate based on the individual's needs.

Companion Home services are for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with a wide variety of support needs who are:

- Age 18 or older;
- Eligible to receive Companion Home services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA); and
- Willing to live in the same home with their provider.





"The Companion Home provider can give their client the ultimate inclusion into family and community with love and acceptance."

—Elena R., Companion Home Provider

What support will you provide?

Companion Home providers help individuals live as independently as possible, with support to learn life skills, such as:

- Menu planning and cooking
- Shopping
- · Bill paying
- Social activities
- Hygiene
- Medical appointments and medication management
- · Service planning and goal setting
- Creating meaningful connections with others

Relationship matters

Companion Homes build on an existing relationship between the individual and provider.

As a Companion Home provider, your work supports the individual to thrive at home and in the community.

