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Home Sharing Information



Share A Break
& Shared Living

What is Home Sharing?

Home Sharing is a model of community respite and support for adults and children with a moderate to severe intellectual disability and/or Autism across Longford, Westmeath, Laois and Offaly.

We match people up with Host families in their area with the aim of:

- Developing friendships and relationships,
- Having a place to go for a break in another family environment,
- Making connections or accessing supports and services in the community,
- Promoting choice and self-direction,
- Developing future support networks.

Applicants are matched with Hosts based on geography; personal interests and lifestyle; wishes, skills, experience and availability of the Host.

Home Sharing does not provide or replace home care, personal care, home tutoring, therapy-led, professional health and social care services. Success and continued support is dependent on matching applicants with a suitable and available Host.

Share A Break

A unique and individualised support providing short day breaks, overnights, weekends, and holidays with a Host family.

Shared Living

Full time living arrangements with a Host Family.

How it Works

On a successful match, A Placement Agreement is drawn up and the Placement is supervised and reviewed by a Social Worker.

Each Home Sharing Placement is individual and there is great flexibility in how and when support is arranged as we recognise that people's needs and wishes change all the time.

Home Sharing Hosts

Home Sharing Hosts are regular members of the community and families that welcome a person or a child with an intellectual disability into their home and family life.

Hosts are not employees but do receive a tax free allowance to cover expenses.

Hosts do not need to have specific qualifications or experience in the health and social care field, although this can be an advantage. Training and support is provided.

Find out More

If you think Home Sharing might be the right support for you or your family member - talk to your Social Worker/Allied health Professional about making an application.

If you would like to become a Home Sharing Host or would like to know more please contact us or visit our website