

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the expectations of me as a Home Share Provider?

We are looking for people who share our vision of community. Compatibility is imperative as we are looking for people whose lifestyles and personal interests fuse with those of the people they support. Home Share providers go through an extensive screening process, which includes a detailed written application, self assessment, home study process, physicians clearance, criminal record search, completion of personal, and professional related references.

Home Sharing Providers are independent contractors with AiMHi. They will be provided with resources, training opportunities and support.

Can I take time off?

We encourage Home Share Providers to take care of themselves so they can provide the best care possible to the person they support. Therefore, included in the contracts are funds that the contractor (You) would use to hire a respite provider(s), when you need time away to take care of things for yourself and/or other family members.

What kind of Support can I expect from AiMHi?

AiMHi's Home Share Co-ordinators work together to; monitor, build support networks, provide training opportunities, and support those involved with the Home Share Program. There is assistance available to contractors at any time.

How am I paid ?

Home Share Providers are *Independent Contractors* and are not Employees of AiMHi. Each contract is different based on the particular needs of the person who is being supported. Home Share Providers are paid a monthly fee for service. The person who is being served will also contribute a fixed amount each month for contribution to monthly household expenses.



For further information on this opportunity including requirements for the contractor, please contact Clayton Dyck at (250) 961-6980 or email clayton.dyck@aimhi.ca.

~Home Sharing~



A Great Opportunity!

Are you interested in a unique experience?
Are you or someone you know, willing to share your home/apartment with someone?

Would you welcome someone into your family who will contribute to the daily joys and experiences that life has to offer?
Then please read on.....

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Basic Requirements of Prospective Contractors:

- 19 years of age or older
- Mature and flexible
- Fluent in English—both written and verbal
- Current First Aid and CPR Certificate
- Clean Criminal Record Search and TB Test
- Medical clearance
- Class 5 Drivers License, Drivers Abstract
- Work/character references

Assets:

- Post Secondary Education and/or training in Community Living

AiMHi contracts with Home Sharing Providers for the following two support services within the Home Sharing program

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Home Sharing
~ Full-time Residential Care
and
Respite ~ Periodic care to provide Home Sharing providers with an opportunity to take time away from this work
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Home Sharing is a living option for a person with a developmental disability where they share a home with someone who provides ongoing support. At AiMHi we match people interested in this living option with warm, caring home share providers and continue to monitor and support the home share environment.



Home Sharing involves sharing of the home and may include assistance in self-care, relationship building, life skills, training to develop skills, use of community resources and attending activities in the community. People interested in Home Sharing may require various supports to live more independent lives, and a family or roommate to provide these supports. This living option includes a wide variety of arrangements and relationships; this may be having someone living in your home with you and your family, two people sharing a home or an apartment as roommates with the supports offered by the roommate.

We recognize that the most important part of home sharing is a close relationship between the person receiving support, the home share provider and AiMHi. People within a home not only share their home but also each other's lives. When a decision is made by someone receiving support to choose Home Sharing, AiMHi's role is to seek out the best possible Home Sharing provider, work with them and the person receiving support to ensure a good match. This process will result in a long term commitment from everyone involved.

The key to a successful, long term home sharing opportunity is matching the needs, interests and lifestyles of both the people receiving services and the home share providers. Based on a thorough Home Study, we ensure that the home sharing provider fits well with the person before they begin the home sharing arrangement together. It requires a commitment from all members of the family as it may be a significant change in their lifestyle.

