

# LifeScape Shared Living Program

Shared living is an adult living option offered by LifeScape. It pairs an individual, couple, or family to share their home with a person who has a disability. It enables people needing supports to experience a real home and community life while providing more consistent caregiving. Shared living can last as long as it works for both parties.

LifeScape will match the host home provider – who is an independent contractor and owns or leases the home – with the participant. Background checks and an extensive matching process help ensure a quality pairing.

LifeScape will provide ongoing oversight, monthly home visits with host home providers and participants, and will act as financial intermediary. Training such as Disability Awareness, CPR, Medication Administration, first aid, and promoting positive outcomes will also be provided for host home providers. We will also work to build a solid relationship and foundation prior to the participant and host home provider entering into a contract agreement. The contracts and agreements regarding compensation for host home provider will be provided prior to entering into any living arrangement.

**Empowering  
people to live  
their best life.**

## Quality of Life

The participant's Conflict-Free Case Manager and guardian remain unchanged, and will continue any day service participation. As always, the family is encouraged to remain actively engaged with their loved one.

South Dakota allows the participant's family to act as his or her host home provider, if the arrangement is agreed upon by all parties.



# What are the Benefits of Shared Living?

- **Promotes Real Sense of Home/Control:** Access to individualized, person-centered supports in a home-like environment.
- **Promotes Development of Trusting, Respectful Relationships:** Opportunities to develop meaningful relationships, access to typical community resources, and be active members of their community.
- **Increased Accountability and Consistency of Supports:** Control, consistency, and stability of supports that are provided and who provides them.
- **Greater Commitment to a “Life That Makes Sense”:** Living in a private home where there is one person providing the majority of supports. Eliminates the need for multiple shifts with multiple staff.

## How do we Match Shared Living Providers?

If you have the desire to help someone with a developmental disability, who is over 21, live a quality life you can apply to be a Shared Living provider through LifeScape. Shared Living is about sharing your life experiences with the person moving into your home. If there is room to welcome a participant into your home and your heart, there is room for Shared Living.

- **Host Home Providers:** An arrangement of services provided to a participant in the private home of a community member, friend, or family member. Host home providers are considered independent contractors. A person with a disability moves into the home of a paid support staff called a “Host Home Provider”
- **The Matching Process:** takes time and is rooted in person centered planning.
- **Consideration is Given To:** Individual preferences, support needs, lifestyle, cultural values, religious beliefs, involvement of family and friends, and compatibility



For more details and how to apply for Shared Living, contact our Admissions Department at 605.444.9550 or [Admissions@LifeScapeSD.org](mailto:Admissions@LifeScapeSD.org).