



Companion Homes: 24-Hour Support and Typical Home Setting

Companion homes offer 24-hour support and supervision for one adult in a home. Companion Homes follows the adult foster care model, which includes a room and board agreement between the provider and the individual. This allows for a long-lasting relationship to be established between the individual and the provider. The provider of the home will receive a daily rate based on the individual's needs, which are previously identified in the Person-Centered Service Plan. There will be a room and board agreement between the provider and the individual, which establishes an agreed amount that the client will pay every month to the provider.



Companion Homes are contracted with the DSHS' Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Is my loved one eligible to live in a companion home? They must be a DDA client and;

- 18 years or older
- Currently on or approved for Home and Community-Based Services Core Waiver
- Been assessed to need Companion Home residential habilitation services to meet their health and welfare needs in their Person-Centered Service Plan
- Able to pay for room and board with their personal financial resources



Are you interested in becoming a Companion Home Provider?

Being a Companion Home Provider means sharing your home with someone who has an intellectual and developmental disabilities while providing support. Providers have short-term relief available to them, which is called respite.

The goal of a Companion Home Provider is to help individuals live as independently as possible. This is done through supporting individuals to learn life skills. These skills may be focused around:

- Shopping
- Bill paying
- Social activities
- Personal Hygiene
- Making medical appointments and managing medication
- Service planning and goal setting
- And more!

Companion Homes can be a great opportunity to support an individual to thrive in a home setting and learn to be active participants in their community!

Do you want to learn more or interested in becoming a Companion Home Provider? Visit <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/companion-home-provider>