

Shared Living - Community Companion Home (CCH)

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I would describe the experience as made in heaven. The CCH provider who my son lives with, provides a loving and supportive home for my son that I can only dream of and I would wish the same for everyone.

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Unsolicited Testimonial

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VISION

The Shared Living Program at Benhaven was developed in the late 1980s. At that time, the Leadership Team envisioned the importance of individuals with intellectual disabilities being afforded the opportunity to experience community life by living with a family.

INCLUSIVITY

Benhaven is continually seeking families who will share their home with an individual. Families and individuals of diverse backgrounds, cultures and composition, are sought to provide meaningful relationships and life experiences shared with individuals with intellectual disabilities.

SUPPORT

Individuals who choose to live in a Shared Living Home are provided the support and services necessary, by members of the Shared Living Home family and Benhaven support staff, to enhance their skills and fulfill their personal goals. Individuals of all ages, whether attending school, working or retired, can live successfully in a Shared Living Home.

PROCESS

- Individuals and families interested in becoming a Shared Living Home participate in an initial licensure process overseen by the DDS and facilitated by Benhaven staff.
- Once a license is generated from the DDS, the process of an individual and Shared Living Home family members getting to know each other commences. Visits overseen by the Benhaven Shared Living Program Coordinator are arranged to accommodate both the individual and Shared Living Home Provider. These visits continue until both the individual with intellectual disabilities and the Shared Living Home Provider decide they would like to live together.
- Monitoring by the Benhaven Shared Living coordinator will occur at least monthly and when needed, to ensure the continued success of both the individual with intellectual disabilities and the Shared Living Home provider and family.
- Annually, the Shared Living Home provider will experience the annual license renewal process, with assistance from the Benhaven Shared Living coordinator.

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