

# Advantages of Shared Living

## For Individuals

- Expands options for community based services.
- Enhances individual skills and encourages social development through powerful role models within a home environment.
- Increases integration in the community through the natural gateway of friends and family of care provider.
- Offers individual participation in the matching process.
- Supports continuity of care through one consistent and qualified person who understands the individual as a whole, including likes/dislikes, medical issues or concerns, personality and any other life challenges.

## For Families

- Families participate in the matching process, aimed at creative long term planning and having an enhanced relationship with their family member's caregiver.
- Supports families who wish to assist their adult child to move on from their family home to one where they can live with supportive roommates.
- Expands the family member's circle of friends and acquaintances.
- Fosters independence and growth in a comfortable living environment.

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**Minute Man Arc:** *improving the lives of children and adults with disabilities by increasing independence, personal choice, and self-advocacy.*

## Minute Man Arc

Changing Lives, Changing Communities



## Shared Living

Providing an opportunity to become  
part of a family and community

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## What Is Shared Living?

Shared Living is a fulfilling experience for all involved, enabling individuals with disabilities to become part of a family, a household, and a community. Providers share their interests in a new and developing relationship while individuals enjoy new activities and learn responsibility.

Shared Living begins with the wishes of the individual and their family or guardian. By customizing the living arrangement, it is different for each person and changes with the needs of the individual supported.

Minute Man Arc is committed to providing supports to people with disabilities which correspond to both their needs and their lifestyle choices. Individuals make empowering decisions about where to live, who to live with, and what type of job to seek.

**Hours:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**Location:** Services are provided in independent privately owned homes.

**Fees** are paid by Mass. Department of Developmental Services.

**Service Availability:** Upon request and pending Mass. Department of Developmental Services approval and funding, individuals are accepted into the program and Shared Living Providers are approved.

## The Role of the Shared Living Provider

- Assist in daily routines
- Health and safety
- Medical coordination
- Financial management
- Individual support plan
- Clinical management
- Community inclusion and relationship building
- Crisis management
- Attend trainings
- Find respite services
- Transportation

## Support from Minute Man Arc

A monitoring and evaluation process including:

- At least one monthly visit by the Shared Living Coordinator
- Access to the Behavioral Clinician
- Access to the Residential Nurse
- Crisis, emergency and safety management
- Professional training
- Networking opportunities

## Becoming a Shared Living Provider



If you are interested in becoming a Shared Living Provider, and would like more information about this program, contact:

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