



**The Shared Living Program**, through the Developmental Services Division at NCSS, supports consumers with disabilities through creating individualized community home placements which serve to foster meaningful relationships, promote active community involvement and encourage personal independence.

# NORTHWESTERN COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES

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## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A SHARED LIVING PROVIDER?

- Provide individualized, 24/7 support, care and supervision.
- Provide a warm and inclusive home environment that encourages an individual's personal goals.
- Teach individuals the home skills necessary to become as independent as possible.
- Ensure overall well-being and good health.
- Support, promote, and encourage peer and personal relationships as well as community inclusion.
- Collaborate as a member of an individual's team.

## COULD THIS BE FOR YOU?

- There are many things to consider when making the personal decision to open your home to Shared Living. Shared Living offers advantages for those persons/families who are able to be flexible and open to truly "sharing" their home.
- Shared Living offers the opportunity to earn a tax-exempt income while working out of your home.
- It offers personal satisfaction to be able to assist someone to become as independent as possible.

## WHAT IS THE CRITERIA TO BE A SHARED LIVING PROVIDER?

- Must be at least 21 years old.
- Must have high school diploma or GED.
- Pass background screenings.
- Pass Fire and Safety/Accessibility Home Inspection.

