

Introduction to Home Sharing For **FAMILIES**



**The search for home,
for the fulfillment
experienced through
meaningful relationships
and a shared life,
transcends *disability*...**

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What is home sharing?

Home sharing happens when a person eligible for CLBC and someone who is paid to provide support, live together in a home that is rented or owned by the paid support person.



The paid support person is called a **Home Sharing Provider**.

Home sharing is one of the services that Community Living BC (CLBC), funds to help people live full lives in a caring and safe community environment.

Home sharing looks different for different people. Some people live with a family. Others live with a roommate or a couple. Some live in a separate suite (apartment) that is part of the home.

Erin

“Hi I’m Erin! I’m 30.

I live in a house with Deb in Vernon. I have an awesome bedroom and we share a cat. Deb helps me do things that are important to me like getting to my job, seeing my friends, and staying in touch with my mom and dad and sister who live in Calgary.”



If you are interested in a home sharing situation for someone in your family, the kind of home sharing will depend on what your family member wants and needs. They may be looking for a very close relationship with the people they share a home with, to be part of that family; in spending a lot of time together and doing daily

activities together. They might also want or need support with things like making friends, their health, meals, personal care, or connecting to their community.

Or your family member may prefer to have a different life and schedule from the people they share a home with. They might even want a separate living space and to only spend time with other people in the home when there is a need to.

Whatever type of situation your family member wants and needs, the home must support the needs and choices of all the people sharing the home. Like any other home, if your family member is living in a home sharing situation, they can welcome friends and family to visit, decorate their space, enjoy privacy, and come and go as they please. The home sharing situation should also support them to live a full life, as a member of their local community, in ways that work for them.



What home sharing is meant to be

Home sharing involves important steps like getting to know each other; making sure the wants and needs of your family member and the home sharing provider match; and taking time to get ready to start sharing a home. These steps are usually necessary for success. Home sharing is not meant to be used for situations where your family member needs an emergency place to stay. It is important to take the right steps to find a home that is a fit.

If you have a family member in a home that you feel isn't working for them, it is important to speak with the home sharing agency and/or your local CLBC facilitator as soon as possible. They can plan with you and your family member to find solutions.

Who is involved in home sharing?

A home sharing situation includes different people with different roles. The main ones are the:

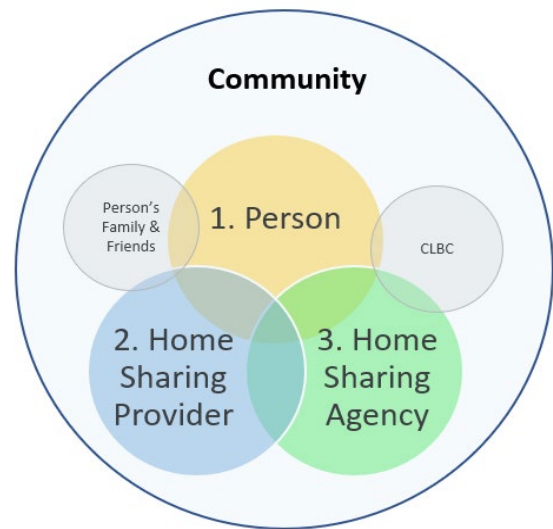
The Person – your family member who is receiving the home sharing service

Home Sharing Provider – who is paid to provide the home sharing service

Home Sharing Coordinator – service agency staff who sets up home sharing and makes sure arrangements are working well

The person's **family, friends, supporters, CLBC staff and the local community** can also play important roles in a home sharing service.

Everyone involved – you, your family member, the home sharing provider, and the home sharing coordinator - needs to work together so that your family member has the best possible home experience.



The person receiving service

The person receiving service (your family member) is the reason CLBC funds home sharing.

Other people involved in home sharing work to make sure your family member is safe and lives a full life in community. Home sharing may not be the only support to help them do this, but a safe and supportive home is a big and important part.

To make sure the home sharing situation works best for your family member, it is important that they and/or you know what they want and need before choosing a home sharing provider.

Once your family member moves into their new home, they will need to be willing to work things out with their home sharing provider; to know their rights and responsibilities; and to speak up if things are not working. If your family member does these things, the shared home has a much better chance of working out well for everyone involved.

If your family/family member is Indigenous, it is very important to communicate how they want to participate in their culture. Cultural safety is a priority for many people, their families and communities. Cultural safety is also a priority for CLBC. CLBC will support your family member's right to live with dignity and will respect your culture.

The BC Government has passed legislation called the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (often called DRIPA for short). The purpose of the Act is to create a path forward for respecting the human rights of Indigenous Peoples and making sure that Indigenous

Peoples are consulted on services and other things that are important to them. DRIPA provides direction for all parts of the BC Government, including CLBC.

RESPONSIBILITIES of the person living in home sharing (your family member)

- Treat the shared home and the people they live with, with respect
- Know their rights and responsibilities
- Stick to the agreements they've made in the home sharing arrangement
- Speak up if something isn't working for them, if they need something, or they would like something to change
- Know who to call if they have concerns

RIGHTS of the person living in home sharing

- To make choices and direct their service
- To have changes made if their wants and needs change or it's not working
- To be treated with dignity and respect whatever religion, culture, lifestyle, friends, and traditions they have
- To live in a safe home and be supported to participate safely in the activities of their choice
- To have their rights and privacy as an adult respected
- To have their family, friends, and others important to them welcomed and encouraged to be involved in their shared home
- To live in a home that supports them to participate in valued social roles, experience the rights of citizenship, and contribute to community in a personally meaningful way
- To contact CLBC or an advocate if they are not comfortable bringing their concerns to their home sharing provider or agency

Family, friends, and supporters

There is an expectation that after your family member moves into a home sharing situation, you will continue to be a part of their life, along with other family, friends and supporters.

The home sharing situation is your family member's home as well. A home is somewhere where we can have family and friends: visit us when we'd like them to; help us when we'd like them to; and be involved when we'd like them to. Sometimes our family and friends come for short visits. Other times, they stay longer and even overnight.

Having a choice about when and how you and other family and friends are involved in your family member's home is as important as having a choice about where they live. For this reason, when choosing a home sharing situation, it is important that everyone involved knows how your family member would like you, and their other family and friends to be involved in their home. This way, they can choose a home that will support this.

It is also important to find out about the family and friends involved in the home sharing provider's life to ensure your family member will be comfortable with them coming into and out of the shared home.

YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (as family, friends, supporters)

- To be treated with consideration, trust, honesty, respect, acceptance, and fairness
- To be welcomed and involved in the shared home if your family member who lives there wants you to be
- To have your deep understanding of your loved one heard and respected
- To be informed of important information about your family member (if they are okay with that)
- To contact CLBC or an advocate if you are not comfortable bringing your concerns to the home sharing provider or agency
- To treat the people involved in the home sharing situation in a respectful way; and to communicate in helpful ways
- To provide support to the home sharing provider as able
- To know your rights and responsibilities
- To be responsible for sticking to the agreements you and/or your family member has made in the home sharing arrangement

Home sharing providers

A home sharing provider can be a single person, couple, or family and come from many different cultures and backgrounds.

Home sharing providers must show they are qualified to do a good job before they start. They do this by applying to be a home sharing provider with an agency that is approved by CLBC. Once they have applied, the agency will do what is called a “home study.” A home study helps the agency know if the person, couple, or family applying to be a home sharing provider are qualified, and the kind of arrangement they are interested in providing.

Once a home sharing provider is approved and sharing a home with your family member, there are rules and expectations they must follow.

Are there RULES for home sharing providers?

What is expected of home sharing providers and the rules they must follow are set by Community Living BC in standards, policies, and other documents for home sharing.

To read these documents visit:

www.communitylivingbc.ca/for-service-providers/home-sharing-providers/home-sharing-providers/

Home Sharing Provider RESPONSIBILITIES

- Always treat your family member with respect and dignity and fully include and treat them as an equal member in the home and community
- Ensure your family member's safety and well-being; provide support and guidance as needed; offer or arrange for nutritious meals that respect cultural backgrounds and dietary needs
- Be a positive role model
- Create an atmosphere that fosters independence and personal growth, balancing dignity of risk with safety
- Ensure your family member is provided with appropriate medical and dental care, participates in the development of plans, and follows routines prescribed by health professionals
- Encourage and support your family member to connect with their communities, including cultural and faith groups
- Nurture positive relationships between you, your family member and others in their life.

Home Sharing Provider RIGHTS

- Be treated with consideration, trust, honesty, respect, acceptance, and fairness by others in the home sharing situation
- Subject to privacy laws and with your family member's consent, receive information about them that is needed to make the home sharing arrangement work well (medical, support needs, family history, other as needed)
- Subject to privacy laws and with your family member's consent, consult you, other supporters, involved professionals, and CLBC as needed to meet your family member's needs
- Have the tools, information, resources, and support needed to deliver effective service
- Receive services to support and stabilize the home and/or your family member in times of crisis
- Subject to privacy laws and with your family member's consent, be provided with an explanation when a contract is terminated
- Receive and use services such as respite to support their role as a home sharing provider

Home sharing coordinator / service agency

Home sharing coordinators play an important role in the delivery of home sharing. They help create person centred plans and monitor how things are going to make sure your family member is receiving quality support and their home is the way they want and need it to be. They help to make sure everyone involved in the home keeps positive relationships with each other and works things out when there are disagreements, or when things aren't working well.

Home sharing coordinators also provide information to you, your family member, other family and friends as appropriate and the home sharing provider about updates, news and information like training and learning opportunities. They support home sharing providers, so they have the knowledge and tools to do a good job. When there is an emergency or the home sharing provider or your family member are in crisis, the home sharing coordinator supports everyone to find and implement solutions.

RESPONSIBILITIES of a home sharing coordinator and service agency

- Find home sharing providers with the right values and do a 'home study' for each applicant to make sure they are qualified, and their home is safe and suitable
- Help you and your family member meet and interview different home sharing providers to find the right match
- Set up the contract that explains what the home sharing provider will be paid to do, check in regularly with your family member and home sharing provider to see how things are going, and be available to help if things are not going well

Home sharing coordinators stay in regular contact with the people involved in home sharing – by phone, video calls, and in person to make sure things are working well, everyone is safe and happy and your family member continues to get what they want and need in their shared home.

Community Living BC

CLBC is involved in home sharing services in several different ways:

- Funds home sharing services
- Can work with you and your family member during the planning process
- Sets provincial rules, requirements, and guidelines for home sharing about what is expected and how it should work
- Can provide access to other supports and planning
- Monitors the home sharing agencies that offer home sharing services

You are free to contact CLBC if you are not comfortable telling the home sharing provider or the home sharing coordinator about a concern you have with the home sharing service

CLBC sets requirements called “standards” for home sharing agencies, home sharing coordinators, and home sharing providers. It monitors (checks on) agencies to make sure everyone is meeting the standards. This is one way that CLBC makes sure that home sharing services are working for your family member.

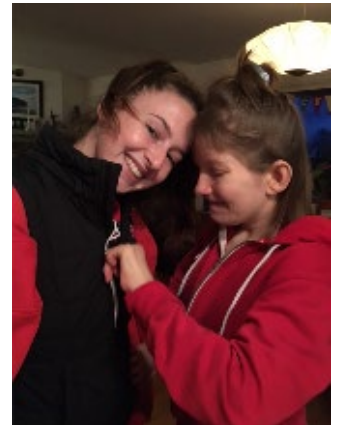
Local Community

The **community** around the home is an important part of home sharing. Being part of one's community, sharing one's strengths and gifts with that community, is very important to having a good [Quality of Life](#). The home sharing provider will help your family member connect with their local community in the ways that they want, as much as they want.



Rosie

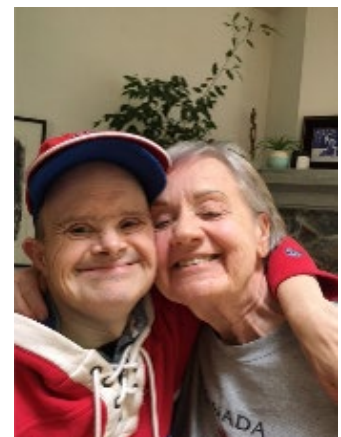
“Hi I’m Rosie. I’m 20 and ready to move out. I want to have a roommate my own age. My friend Kelly and I are making plans to rent an apartment together. Kelly will get paid to help me with the extra support I need like cooking and shopping and having parties with my other friends! Kelly will be my home sharing provider.”



Mark

“Hi I’m Mark. I’m 50. I used to live with my brother and sister-in-law in a suite in their house. Now I need more help, so I moved in with a close family friend, Sue, who has an extra bedroom in her house.

Sue is a retired nurse, so she knows how to help me with some of the things that come with getting older, like my medical appointments and looking after my health. She also takes me to the dollar store and Tim Hortons!”



Is home sharing the right choice?

Home sharing is a great option if your family member wants to share a home with other people. It can work well for people who want to know someone is there to help them at home when and if they need it. In many home sharing situations, everyone will be living as part of a family home, with a room of their own and sharing other parts of the home with those they live with (kitchen, living room, washrooms).

If sharing a home that someone else owns or rents is not for your family member, there are other services CLBC funds to help people who want to live in community with the support they need.

Contact your local CLBC office here for more information:

www.communitylivingbc.ca/contact/local-offices



This can be a helpful tool to complete with your family member to understand what is important for them in a living situation.

Is home sharing right for me?

What I'm Looking for When Sharing a Home	Yes	No	Maybe
Living with other people			
Having my own room			
Having people to help me, be around during the daytime/nighttime			
Things to Ask Myself			
Can I be ok with working out schedules and talking about who or how many people are coming over?			
Can I do stuff at home based on what I need AND also remember what the people I'm living with need?			
Can I be ok with not doing everything I want when I want and how I want at home, because I share the home with others?			
Can I share different parts of the home I live in with other people? (Like kitchen, living room, possibly bathroom)			
Can I follow house rules that other people decided on, or that I don't set all by myself?			
Can I have other people noticing what I do, and giving me advice about what's good for me or not good for me?			

Can I have people around in my home who are not my friends or family?			
Can I live somewhere where visitors and other people may come to live or visit, even when I don't feel like visitors?			

If you answered “yes” to a lot of things, then home sharing may be a good type of home for you.

If you answered “no” to a lot of things home sharing may not be a good type of home for you.

If you answered “maybe” to a lot of things you might want to talk with your CLBC Facilitator about the different types of home support options.

You can also go to a CLBC Welcome Workshop to find out about different types of homes people have.

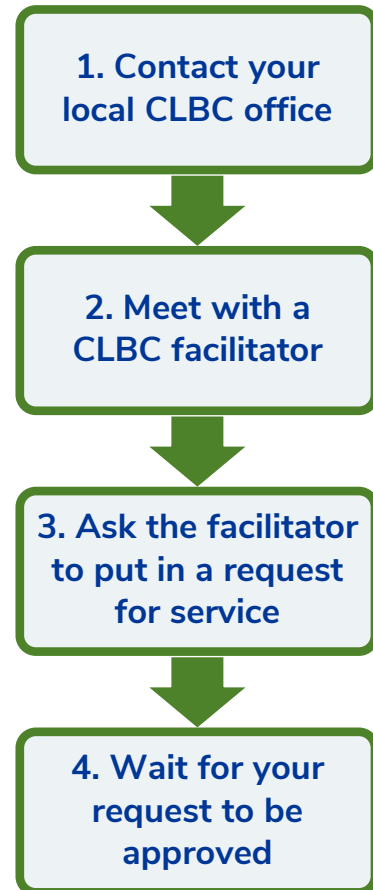
How to request home sharing

Contact your CLBC office

The first step is to contact your local CLBC office to set up a meeting with a facilitator. A facilitator is a CLBC staff who can help you and your family member plan about connecting to community, connecting to services, or problem solving other challenges you may be facing. [Find the CLBC office nearest you.](#) If you are already connected to a CLBC facilitator, contact them directly.

Meet with a CLBC facilitator

Let the facilitator know your family member is interested in home sharing and the kind of home situation they are looking for. The facilitator can help you and your family member think about whether home sharing is the best home support option for them. The facilitator can also make sure you and your family member know about the other services CLBC funds, in case there is a different service that would be a better fit.



Ask the facilitator to add you to the request for service list for home sharing

If you and your family member decide home sharing is the right service, ask the facilitator to put you on CLBC's Request for Service list for Home Sharing.

Wait for your request to be funded

CLBC needs to approve funding to pay for home sharing before it can start. CLBC gets more requests than it can pay for each year, so it must decide which requests to fund first. It does this by looking at how much support a person needs and how soon each request is needed. For example, someone who is homeless will probably get funding for a service that helps them get a home before someone who isn't homeless. Because of this, you may have to wait for your request for home sharing funding to be approved.

Finding the right home sharing situation for you

Once your family member is approved for home sharing funding, it is very important to find the right home with the right home sharing provider. Making this important match can sometimes take longer than you want it to. There may not be many home sharing spaces available; there may not be an available home sharing provider in the community you were hoping for; or maybe it's taking time to find the right match. Whatever may be delaying finding the right home sharing situation for your family member, please know that everyone is working very hard to find a place your family member can call home.

You also have the option of looking for possible home sharing providers with your family member. Often, home sharing situations with someone your family member has already developed strong and caring relationships with can work well.

People have created home sharing situations with:

- Relatives, like a brother, sister, cousin, aunt, or uncle
- Friends they know through school or work
- Other people they know from community and social activities like church, sports teams, or volunteering.

Home sharing with someone you know

With some planning and support, you may find there are unpaid people you and your family member already know and trust, who have things in common with your family member, who may be interested in sharing a home with your family member.

Home sharing with someone your family member already knows and trusts often works well because the relationship is already there. The ideal is where that relationship involves someone who has already chosen to be part of your family member's life in an unpaid way.

That said, good matches also happen with someone who has a relationship with your family member through a paid role. This might include someone who has provided respite for your family before or someone who has had another role in your family member's life, like a teacher or coach. If someone your family member already knows wants to become their home sharing provider they **must follow the same application process** as anyone else who wants to become a paid home sharing provider. This means they will need to go through a Home Study process. For more information about the home study process talk to a home sharing agency or read through the Handbook for Home Sharing Providers located on CLBC's website.

If there are people in your and your family member's life who might be interested in sharing a home with your family member, talk with your CLBC facilitator or an agency home sharing coordinator.

Home sharing with someone you don't know

If there isn't already someone in your family member's life who they could share a home with, there are organizations that can help you find someone. Many agencies funded by CLBC provide home sharing coordination. This means that they help find and match home sharing providers and people looking for home sharing services and support these home sharing situations over time.

If your family member will be trying home sharing with someone they don't know, it is very important to know ahead of time what they will want and need for a home and support, what's important to them, and other things about how they want their home to be.

Talk a lot about what they want and need with the home sharing coordinator. They can help you to determine your family member's needs and then meet with potential home sharing providers. This is very important to do before deciding on a place to live.

Helping your family member think about what they want and need in a home...

How I want to live – what kind of home life do I want?

- What kind of space do I want and need?
- What daily routine works for me?
- What foods do I like to eat?
- What kind of social life do I want?
- What kind of work life do I want?
- What are my transportation needs?
- How much and what kind of privacy do I want/need?
- What kinds of choices are important to me to make?
- What language(s) do I speak at home/want to speak at home?
- What kinds of cultural things are important for me in my home/home life?
- What kind of people do I like around me?

What kind of help will I need in my home?

- Physical help I need
- Emotional help I need
- Help I need with medication or medical needs
- Help I need getting around (at home or in community)
- Help I need to have/make/keep friends
- Help I need when I get upset
- Help I need with my job
- Other help I need

Where do I want to live?

- My ideal area to live...
- Areas I'm willing to live...
- Areas I'm NOT willing to live...

Who do I want to live with?

- The way my ideal home sharing provider would be is...
- Things the person I share a home with:
 - MUST BE
 - CAN'T BE

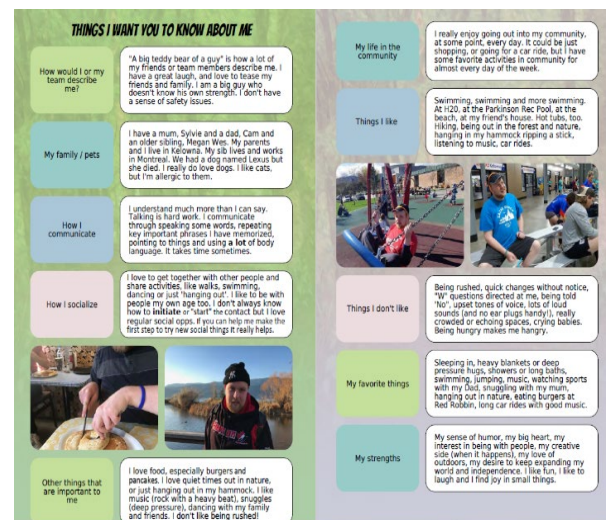
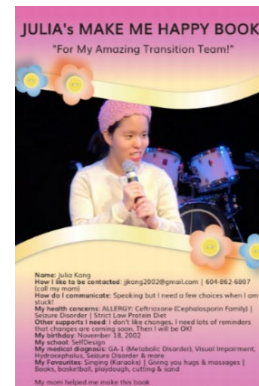
Success in the Shared Home

Getting ready and starting home sharing

No matter how much you talk things through ahead of time, there will be unexpected things that come up in a home sharing situation especially with someone new. For a home sharing arrangement to work, everyone must be open to working through the challenges that come up when people live together.

The more time taken to get to know each other before entering a home sharing arrangement, the better. Have your family member spend time with the home sharing provider so they can learn more about each other, their interests, and experiences. They could have coffee, make and share a meal together, go to events together, do sports or other activities together. Many people find it helpful to do “trial runs”, sometimes over a period of time. This might look like a day, a weekend, or a week together here and there – or regularly – to see if sharing a home makes sense.

It is also important to get to know each other’s family, friends, neighbours, and others who could be involved in the home your family member will share. Sharing information with each other about interests, dreams, culture and faith, likes, dislikes, and important people in your lives can also be very helpful for your family member and the home sharing provider to do.



Relationships

We know from people already living in home sharing arrangements that when there is a strong relationship between the person and the home sharing provider, the shared home is more successful long-term. If your family member did not have a relationship with the home sharing provider before, this is a chance to build a new relationship as they begin sharing a home with each other.



Commitment

Every strong and supportive relationship is built on a commitment to one another. Each person in the relationship needs to be clear about why they are in the relationship and what they expect from the relationship. Whether the home sharing arrangement is short-term or long-term, this commitment to each other will help when things are difficult.

Social life and community involvement

Friends, family, and involvement in our community helps to keep us healthy, connected and supported. People without these connections usually have more physical and mental health issues.

It is important that all the people sharing a home build friendships and relationship with others and find ways to be involved in their community. Some resources are

A screenshot of the myCommunity BC website. The header is green with the logo and navigation links: HOME, GET STARTED, FAQ, ABOUT, and COMMUNITY MAPPING. The main content area has a heading: "Discover the Inclusive and Welcoming Places in Your Community and Around BC". Below this is a welcome message: "Welcome to My Community BC - Your online resource to discover the inclusive and welcoming places in your community and around BC." It then describes the platform as an online map built by citizens. A call to action says: "Get started now for free! Explore a community near you or suggest an inclusive and welcoming place in your community." There is a blue box titled "Community Mapping for COVID-19" with text: "myCommunity BC has created a category called 'Emergency Community Responder' to help map the amazing gifts and resources that are currently in effect and being offered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Simply click below to explore or suggest resources in your community or for BC-wide." A partial map is visible on the right side of the screenshot.

referenced: <https://familysupportbc.com/calendar-cfc/> while others will be specific to your community or situation.

Part of a home sharing provider's job is to know about the community – both things it can offer and ways your family member can get involved locally to share their gifts and strengths.

The home sharing coordinator's support

Home sharing coordinators (and the agencies they work for) are important people that help home sharing arrangements to work and to last.

Home sharing coordinators help you and your family member plan for what is wanted and needed in the home in ways that would work for you and your family member. These plans might be about interests that they want to learn more about, finding paid work, attending university or college, making friends, joining sports teams, or other ways they'd like to be involved in their community.

Home sharing coordinators also check in about how things are going, to make sure the shared home is working for everyone and that your family member is getting quality support that meets their wants and needs. They make sure the home sharing provider is following the proper guidelines and that your family member feels safe and supported in their home.



The regular involvement of the home sharing coordinator is another way to keep the home sharing arrangement working well.

Communication, communication, communication

Making home sharing work – like anything else – is about communication. Ensuring your family member can express how they feel, making sure that everyone is talking regularly, and talking about what's working and what's not, are important ways to make sure everyone feels good about living together.

When you, your family member, their friends and other supporters, the home sharing provider and the home sharing coordinator are communicating, things usually go well. When you aren't, that's when the challenges can happen.

It is important to speak up about the changes your family member may want and need in their shared home – with the home sharing provider, the home sharing coordinator, and/or other people they know and trust.

The sooner everyone communicates changes needed, the sooner all the people involved can see if there is a way to make the changes needed. Or, to plan for a move if that is what needs to happen.

Cindy

Hi I'm Cindy. I live in a basement suite in Leonard and Sara's house. I worked with a home sharing agency to help find the right people to share a home with. I love having my own space and being independent. I like having my friends over when I want and having a boyfriend that can sleepover. I also like knowing there is someone upstairs in case I get lonely or need help making important decisions. They respect my privacy, but also know I need help budgeting my money and making healthy meals, so we figured out how to make it work so everyone feels safe.



Feeling safe to say what you think

For communication to work, everyone needs to feel safe saying what they think, and talking about what's working and what's NOT working. This can be hard if you or your family member have had experiences in the past when speaking up didn't go well. The people involved in home sharing are there to help you do this. They benefit from hearing what you think and what is working or not working for you and your family member.

Many people talk about their fear of speaking up or disagreeing with others. They share that they are afraid that if they speak up, they could lose their home, be treated differently, or hurt or upset people they care about. Some people have learned that it is best if they “don't rock the boat”.

If your family member is afraid to say what they think, they can talk to someone about it. Home sharing is there to help support your family member to live a full and happy life in community. If this is not happening, it is important to talk about it.

The Advocate for Service Quality

works for the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR).

Their job is to help people eligible for CLBC and their families to receive good quality services.

If you have a problem with your services, you can contact the Advocate to talk about it. The Advocate will try to help find a solution. They also help people to advocate for themselves.

You can contact the Advocate at:

Vancouver: 604-775-1238

Victoria: 250-387-6121

Other: 1-800-663-7867

Email: ASQ@gov.bc.ca



What to do if things aren't working well

When something difficult happens in your family member's life or in the home sharing provider's life



All of us have hard and unexpected things that happen at different times in our lives. It could be a health condition (expected or unexpected), a shocking thing that happens to us or someone we care about (like losing a job or an accident) or something else.

When your family member or their home sharing provider is faced with something hard, it can affect the home sharing situation and if it's a big thing, it may take awhile for things to get back to normal. Sometimes things might not get back to normal.

When hard things happen that affect the home sharing situation, your family member and the home sharing provider are not alone. The biggest support in these situations is the agency home sharing coordinator whose job it is to help deal with crises that happen in home sharing situations. They can help everyone in the shared home get the help needed to work things out. They may involve other people to help as well – like you, CLBC, and other community and government supports (like Health supports). When something hard happens, it is important that your family member and the home sharing provider get the help they need.

When the relationship isn't working

It is okay for your family member (and you) to speak up if home sharing isn't right for them anymore. It is important that they like where they live and feel like it is their home. Sometimes things change and people want to move. That is okay. There are people you can talk to when the home sharing situation is no longer working for your family member.

Make sure to ask the agency home sharing coordinator about the agency's Participant Handbook for people who live in home sharing. This handbook will have information about how you can make a complaint and who you can go to at the agency to make a complaint.



More information about home sharing:

Visit the CLBC Website: www.communitylivingbc.ca

CLBC newsletter link: www.communitylivingbc.ca/whats-new/newsletters/

CLBC home sharing provider page link: www.communitylivingbc.ca/for-service-providers/home-sharing-providers/

Contact Your Local CLBC Office: www.communitylivingbc.ca/contact/local-offices/

Other places that can help if you have questions about finding a home or planning for your (or your family member's) future:

BC Aboriginal Network for Disability Society: www.bcands.bc.ca

Inclusion BC:
www.inclusionbc.org

Vela Canada:
www.velacanada.org

Family Support Institute:
www.familysupportbc.com

PLAN Lifetime Networks:
www.plan.ca

Nidus:
www.nidus.ca

