



BECOME AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The success of Shared Living rests on the match between the individual with a disability and the Independent Contractor. The matching process takes time and is rooted in Person Centered planning.

Anyone with a desire to support an individual with a disability, in their home, to have a more meaningful life, is encouraged to learn more.

THE ROLE OF THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR INVOLVES...

- » Certification through Black Hills Works.
- » Providing in-home, basic care, ensuring health and safety.
- » Support community involvement while promoting goal attainment of the individualized plan.

WHAT IS SHARED LIVING?

Shared Living is a paid arrangement of services provided in a private home of an Independent Contractor in which they care for and share life's experiences with a person with a disability. It is built on the foundation of life sharing, developing natural supports and being an active member of the community.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Shared living is an option for a person, 21 years of age or older, with a disability who is interested in this type of living environment.

The person must be eligible for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) through the Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

INDIVIDUALS HAVE...

- » Greater access to person-centered supports in a home environment.
- » More opportunities to develop natural supports and experience community life.
- » More control and consistency in the supports that are provided to them and who provides them.

If you are an individual or family member of an individual with a disability who is interested in Shared Living, go to <https://dhs.sd.gov> to learn more about how to qualify for this service.

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