

Questions people interested in becoming a Shared Living Provider might ask.

What is Shared Living?

Shared Living offers a unique experience to open your home and life to welcome and include an individual with a developmental disability and their support network. In doing so, you will come to know the person, and likely their family and friends too. As your relationships deepen you will also learn more about yourself. As you help someone define and achieve what a good life means for them you too will better understand what a good life means for you! Shared Living is not a job; it's a lifestyle. It's about intentionally sharing your home with another person, forming relationships, and pursuing a good life together.

What experience and requirements do I need to become a Shared Living Provider?

We look for people who have had personal or professional experience supporting adults with a developmental disability. Some of the basic requirements you will need to become a Shared Living Provider are:

- understand and promote the vision, mission, and values of Kinsight
- be at least 19 years of age
- complete a satisfactory criminal record check
- complete a satisfactory background check
- have a first aid / CPR certificate
- have a physician's certification of good health
- have a valid driver's license

What are some of the things that my house should have in order to accommodate a person seeking a shared living arrangement?

Your house will need to meet certain health and safety standards which will be reviewed as part of a home study. Some of the basic requirements are; a private bedroom or suite for the person you will be supporting and furniture for the person you will be supporting. The house and yard should be clean and tidy, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers installed on all levels of the home, and the house must be in good repair to ensure the health and safety of the person you will be supporting.

What does the compensation look like?

Community Living British Columbia (CLBC) determines the funding amount based on the support needs of the person seeking Shared Living. The Provider contracts with Kinsight and will be paid the support funding amount determined by CLBC. In addition to that amount, the Shared Living Provider receives an additional \$716.00 per month from the person you support. This amount is set by the Province of B.C. and is intended to cover a contribution to rent and groceries.