

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*“Connecting people and fostering
affordable housing through innovative and
needs a place to call home”.*



Our Adult Home Sharing and Youth Host Home program's serve the Greater Pierce County area.

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SUPPORT US!

Shared Housing Services is a non-profit agency serving the Tacoma area since 1991. We need the support of generous donors to continue our tradition of service to the community.

We will gladly accept financial contributions and are always in need of volunteer support as well. Please contact us at [\(253\) 272-1532](tel:2532721532) for information on how you can volunteer at Shared Housing Services. You can use your smart phone to donate below:



Office Hours
M-F 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Visit our website for more information
www.sharedhousingservices.org



Shared
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Benefits of Adult
HomeSharing

Shared Housing Services (SHS) offers individuals innovative and affordable solutions to prevent homelessness and foster independence through our home sharing programs.



You are one phone call away
from a better life

253-272-1532

FAQ

Who can use our services?

- ◆ Home providers living in Pierce County
- ◆ Home seekers (over the age of 18) living in or willing to relocate to Pierce County

What do I need to qualify for the program?

- ◆ Completed application
- ◆ Valid photo ID/passport
- ◆ Original Social Security Card
- ◆ Proof of income (seeker only)
- ◆ \$30 fee for background check
- ◆ Completed/cleared background check

How does the process work?

- ◆ Once we have all the documentation, fee, and cleared background check, SHS will schedule an intake interview and/or home visit (for providers) with our case manager to determine needs and compatibility. The case manager will then start the referral process.

What is a referral?

- ◆ Once our case manager finds a potential match we place a referral. A referral is not a guarantee of housing, SHS strongly suggests both the provider and seeker meet before a decision is made. The home provider and the home seeker can decide whether or not the referral is right for them.

How long does it take to place our clients?

- ◆ Because SHS makes matches based on provided criteria it may take weeks or even several months to locate a match. And in some cases we may not be able to serve some clients in which case we will direct them to alternative community resources.

Benefits of Home Sharing

- Empowers seniors and/or disabled persons to remain in their homes and “Age in Place”.
- Allows for use of a “spare bedroom” to pay for household services such as housekeeping, meal preparation,



transportation, yard work, etc. instead of paying out of pocket for these services.

- Companionship to prevent loneliness.
- Peace of mind that a parent or loved one is not alone in their home, especially at night.
- Added income through reduced household expenses and rental income.

If you are interested in learning more about Shared Housing Services and the Adult Homesharing Program, or know of someone who would benefit from home sharing, contact Shared Housing Services at 253.272.1532. Or visit our website at www.sharedhousingervices.org for more information.

Adult Homesharing Program

Since 1991, Shared Housing Services' Adult Homesharing Program has been using an in-depth matching process to promote safety and compatibility while supporting a mutually beneficial relationship between home providers and home seekers. The Adult Homesharing Program matches people who have an extra bedroom with a person needing an affordable place to live, and in many cases services are exchanged for a reduction in rent.

Increasing housing costs, taxes, and services are making it more difficult for people to remain in their homes or to find affordable housing. The Adult Homesharing Program is a safe, practical, and cost-effective program to address the current housing crisis, Home sharing reduces housing expenses, offers companionship, promotes independence, and provides security while making efficient use of existing housing and preserving the fabric of the neighborhood.

SHS interviews and screens all applicants for compatibility of lifestyles and personalities, and the reciprocal needs of home providers and home seekers, In addition, ID verification and criminal background checks are performed on all applicants. SHS helps facilitate the match process providing support and conflict resolution mediation to ensure the success of each match. Living arrangements are agreed upon in writing by the provider and seeker, including any needs of services rendered.