

El'dad Home Share Program overview

El'dad provides Home Share supports to Home Share providers and El'dad participants living together in the Eastman region.

Definition of Home Share Supports through El'dad

- Home Share supports through El'dad:
 - Individuals being supported typically have challenges maintaining their basic needs (food, shelter);
 - An individual requiring support lives with a Home Share provider who is to be responsible for shelter, food and daily supports;
 - Individuals being supported may not require 24/7 supervision, but would benefit from access to daily supports.

Participants in Home Share are those who have an intellectual disability and are not ready for independent living with supports. They must be adults supported by either Community Living and disability Services or Provincial Alternative Support Services.

- Participants:
 - Participants have access to 24 hour supports from the Home Share provider.
 - Participants may not require 24-hour supervision but benefit from someone living with them.
 - Assessed on a case by case basis.
 - Being connected to El'dad, individuals who are supported have access to all the El'dad events, workshops, and social groups.

We provide a suitable approach for participants with the potential for greater independence. That individuality is encouraged within a safe, non-judgmental environment where mistakes can be learned from. In doing so, the supports will be solution-focused, strength-based, and person-centered while using harm reduction when appropriate.

- El'dad case management:
 - Case Planning:
 - Participant profile;
 - Assessments;
 - SMART goals and life skill development;
 - Client centered support plan.
 - Coordinating the direct support workers with:
 - Monthly meetings;
 - Team meetings.
 - Support for the home by:
 - Mediating concerns between the participant and the Home Share provider;

- Supplying assistance to the Home Share provider in dealing with difficult situations;
- Offering support and networking opportunities to Home Share providers.
- Training for Home Share providers are the same as we provide to all our direct support workers:
 - Non Violent Crisis Intervention Training;
 - First Aid;
 - Vulnerable Person Act;
 - IJC training modules;
 - Direct support worker training.
- Support for participants:
 - On-call/ Emergencies;
 - Life Skills Workshop.

El'dad provides direct support workers for the participant. These workers work with the supported individual, Home Share providers, and the case manager to follow the individual's support plan.

- Direct support workers support the individual on a regular scheduled basis by:
 - Working on goal development;
 - Mediating basic issues that may happen in the home;
 - Assisting with community integration;
 - Advocating for the individual.

Home Share providers will be supported by El'dad in a variety of ways. We work to get the homes set up as "Approved Homes" and licensed by the Government of Manitoba, Community Living disAbility Services Licensing. We facilitate matching a participant with an appropriate home. We then provide weekly support to the home and participant to make sure that everyone's concerns are being addressed and that planned goals are being followed up on.

- Home Share provider's responsibilities are to:
 - Provide a home for the individual to live in;
 - License their homes in compliance with provincial guidelines.
 - Assist individual with daily needs (meals, laundry, medication administration).
 - Work with the participant, case manager, and direct support staff to follow the individual's support plan and goals;
 - Providing a weekly summary.
 - Provide their own respite;
 - El'dad will help screen respite workers.

All homes that have support for people with intellectual disabilities are licensed by the Government of Manitoba, Community Living disAbility Services Licensing.

- El'dad assists the Home Share provider in the licensing application process:
 - Homes are set up as “Approved Homes”
 - Approved homes can have a maximum of two individuals supported in the home.
 - MB licensing forms are completed by the applicant:
 - With El'dad assistance;
 - We then send the forms in to be reviewed by the licensing authority.
- The Home Share providers are responsible for any of the house upgrades to meet the licensing requirements.
- Community Living disability Services conducts annual reviews.

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