



Information on becoming a
host home provider for
individuals with
developmental disabilities

What does it mean to be a Host Home Provider?



- ◆ Be a mentor, teacher, and companion to another person.
- ◆ Accept responsibility for the health and well-being of another person.
- ◆ Welcome another person into your life and into your family.



Why become a Host Home Provider?

- ◆ Enrich your life with new experiences.
- ◆ Eliminate loneliness for others as well as for yourself.
- ◆ Have a positive impact on a member of your community who needs you.
- ◆ Teach by example the concepts of acceptance, tolerance, and doing unto others.
- ◆ Develop a rewarding relationship with another.
- ◆ Learn more about the world, life and yourself!



Who would live in my home?

- ◆ A person who needs you and what you offer.
- ◆ A person compatible with your personality, age range, gender (male/female), interests and preferences.
- ◆ A person who chooses you.
- ◆ A person you have chosen.
- ◆ A person you have had the opportunity to meet and get to know.





How does this all work?

- ◆ A member of the community that is at least 21 years old, applies and becomes trained and certified to be a 'Host Home Provider'.
- ◆ Host Home Providers are Independent Contractors, not employees.
- ◆ An individual with disabilities is carefully matched to live with you.
- ◆ You are supported by Dungarvin with training, case management, and 24 hour emergency services.
- ◆ The team, including the Host Home Provider works cooperatively to ensure that goals are met and services are provided.



What does it mean to be an “Independent Contractor”?

- ◆ An Independent Contractor is self-employed and is responsible for his/her own medical insurance, worker’s compensation, taxes, and general liability.
- ◆ Independent Contractors are paid a daily per diem rate that is exempt from federal and state taxation.
- ◆ A contract is signed between the Independent Contractor and Dungarvin specifying each party’s responsibilities.



How do I become approved as a Host Home Provider?

- ◆ Complete and submit an application.
- ◆ Participate in a home interview and screening process.
- ◆ Complete 30+ hours of a training program.
- ◆ Complete required documentation.
- ◆ Consent to background checks for all members of your household 18 and older.
- ◆ Be patient, this process can typically take 1-3 months – maybe longer, depending on your scheduling needs.



What happens after I am approved?

- ◆ The process of matching you with another individual who is compatible to your home will take time.
- ◆ You will be offered respite opportunities, if available.
- ◆ You will be contacted about possible matches and the person's needs will be discussed with you.
- ◆ You will be given opportunities to participate in person to person interviews in your home with individuals and their family members.



What else can I expect from Dungarvin?

- ◆ A comprehensive range of services and supports determined by an individual's personal strengths, preferences, interests, desires and goals.
- ◆ A strong emphasis on the quality of services provided.
- ◆ Responsible Financial Management ensuring long term stability and security for the persons we serve, for our employees, and for our independent contractors



Dungarvin also provides:

- ◆ 24 hour / 7 days a week access for emergency support and intervention.
- ◆ Ongoing, quality training and instruction.
- ◆ Monthly home visits – frequency can be increased if needed or requested.
- ◆ Full access to available historical and current information on the individual for whom you are responsible.



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