



J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center Shared Living

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Shared Living Contractor. You are about to take the first step toward determining whether sharing your life with an adult with a developmental disability is something that is truly right for you.

This program has the potential to significantly enrich the lives of all who participate, but it will also mean big changes for you and your family, so we have designed the application process to help you decide if this is the right choice for you. Enclosed is an application that must be completed thoroughly. Please submit the completed application to the J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center. In addition to the completed application, **you and each adult member of your household, 18 years old and over, must submit an original copy of a recent state and national criminal background check (BCI and NCIC)**. Please note that the Shared Living Specialists will not begin to process your application until we have received the BCI and NCIC certificates for all adult members of your household.

While this may seem like a lengthy process, it is necessary to ensure that we are making good, safe decisions about new living arrangements for the individuals we support. Once it has been determined that you and your family meet the basic safety qualifications, we will get into the fun part; learning about who you are, how you live, and who might make a mutually enjoyable and compatible addition to your household! Our complete application process include reference checks, an interview and a home study. Other documents we will need from you include copies of: driver's license, home owners/ renter's insurance, automobile insurance, CPR and First Aid cards, and High School Diploma/ GED. We will schedule a pre-service training as well as begin to introduce you to individuals who may be a good match for you and your family. Our selection and matching process is thoughtful and careful. We will work together until ultimately we find just the right person to live with your family.

Once a successful match is made, you will be asked to enter into a contract with the J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center where you agree to support the individual in your home for one year. If the contractor and the individual would like to continue with the shared living arrangement, the contract will be renewed annually.

Please do not hesitate to contact a Shared Living Coordinator if you have any questions regarding the application process.

This program that offers wonderful opportunities to many Rhode Islanders. Thank you for your interest, we look forward to meeting with you!

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