What is Lifesharing? Lifesharing, sometimes called Family Living, means living with and sharing life with supportive persons who form a caring household. It is an opportunity for someone with an intellectual disability to share a home with a family or person to whom they are not related. The person opening their home to you is your Lifesharing provider.

Who can participate in Lifesharing? Any person eligible for Intellectual Disability services and enrolled in the Consolidated Waiver who is looking for support to live in the community can participate in Lifesharing. In addition, you must have an assessment that indicates that supports are needed for you to live in the community. You should talk to your Supports Coordinator (SC) if you are interested.

How many people can receive Lifesharing services in one home? One or two people with disabilities can receive their lifesharing services in one home.

How will I be matched with a Lifesharing provider? Your needs and preferences are always considered. You must feel comfortable in your new home and your Lifesharing provider must be able to meet your needs. Visits at the home can help make sure a bond and trust form.

What does a Lifesharing provider do? The provider must provide a safe, nurturing, and healthy environment. Your provider and provider agency would assist you in all your daily activities and support you to become a member of your community. A Lifesharing provider follows all requirements of their provider agency, as well as the requirements established by Dauphin County and the Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs.

Where can I find more information on Lifesharing? Contact your Supports Coordinator for information about Lifesharing and the providers in Dauphin County that provide lifesharing services. You can also find additional information at www.odpconsulting.net/topic-info/lifesharing-everyday-living-options/

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