

# *HOMESHARE BENEFITS*

## **BENEFITS FOR CONSUMERS**

- ▶ *Community living*
- ▶ *Increased independence*
- ▶ *New friends*
- ▶ *Enhanced community support*
- ▶ *Improved quality of life*



## **BENEFITS FOR SCDMH**

- ▶ *Improvement of consumer's lives*
- ▶ *Decreased hospital stay*



## **BENEFITS FOR PROVIDERS**

- ▶ *Knowledge that they can make a difference*

# THE HOMESHARE PROGRAM

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## WHAT IS THE HOMESHARE PROGRAM?

The Homeshare Program helps move psychiatrically disabled adults into the community with people who are willing to share their homes. The residence is owned or rented by the Homeshare provider as his own home. ONE consumer, for whom the provider is reimbursed, lives like a member of the household.



## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE HOMESHARE PROGRAM?

These men and women require help in building community support. This support helps them to have a successful transition from hospital to community life, and to become fully participating members of their community.

## HOMESHARE GOALS

- **Promote optimal mental, social and physical wellness.**
- **Improve compliance with the prescribed treatment program.**
- **Minimize psychiatric hospitalizations.**
- **Provide individualized supportive and rehabilitative services to improve the consumer's capacity for independent living.**
- **Increase social skills.**



## PROVIDER RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

Look for:

- **Positive attitudes and values**
- **Ongoing education**
- **Monthly support/education meeting**

## LOCATION

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