

HOME
PROVIDER
Cate C.
Location:
Petaluma, CA
Status: 2 Matches
since Nov 2017

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Shared Housing and Resource Exchange



Bob W.

Location:

Petaluma, CA

Status: 1 Match since April 2011





HOME SEEKER Sybal J. Location: Sonoma, CA Status: Since Feb 2017



HOME SEEKER Chris F. Location: Santa Rosa, CA Status: Since Aug 2017 HOME SEEKER Sue R. Location: Rohnert Park, CA Status: 4 Shares since Jan 2016



HOME PROVIDER Albert W. Location: Santa Rosa, CA Status: 3 Matches since Feb 2016



Our Mission Statement

Shared Housing And Resource Exchange SHARE California

Creates affordable housing by utilizing available bedrooms with a special sensitivity to those 60+ years of age who wish to remain home, age in place and to provide affordable and permanent housing for anyone else in need.





Sonoma County/California Demographics



SONOMA COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS	SONOMA COUNTY	CALIFORNIA
Rent as a percentage of Household Income (a)	45.3 %	45.8%
Population 2017	505,120	39,523,613
Population estimate change 2016-2017	0.5	0.9
Number of seniors facing difficulty with self care (b) in 2012	_	548,700
Projected number of seniors facing difficulty with self care (b) by 2030	_	1,010,100

Source:

- (a) 2016 American Community Survey
- (b) Public Policy Institute of California, 2018

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Who We Are



• 356 SHARES

SHAREFire

108 SHARES with ongoing placements

SHARE Sebastopol

19 active with 2 pending

SHARE Healdsburg (Under development)



2014

Homelessness in Sonoma County

- Couch-surfers, those living in shelters, and the newly homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - Limited Social Security and/or Disability Income
 - Experienced catastrophic life events
 - Little or no support from family and friends
- <1% rental vacancy
- Price Gauging by Landlords
- Long wait for subsidized housing
 - HUD: City of Santa Rosa & County
 - 5+ year wait lists
- Slight shift in available housing vs. vacation rentals





Home Sharing, a Viable Housing Solution

- Creates immediate, affordable, permanent housing
- SHARE costs minimally \$1,500 per match
- Costs avoided for those needing home health services
- Health improves and health care costs lessen
- Loneliness, financial stress alleviated
- Family and friends less burdened





SHARE

Providing Stepping Stones to a better life

- 30% of our clients were homeless
- Have been on wait lists 4+ years
- Transition through SHARE
- Exit into HUD or other subsidized housing





What is Affordable Housing?!

- 5% housing (5,000 homes) lost in the 2017
 Sonoma County wildfires
- Rental rates have skyrocketed, creating a new wave of those at risk or newly homeless
- Before wildfires, SHARE room rentals: \$450 \$600/mo.
- Post wildfires, SHARE room rentals: \$600 \$900/mo.
- Rent for a studio or 1 bedroom apartment: \$1200 \$2000/mo.





Our Home Sharing Program

SHARE Home Shares are living arrangements between two or more unrelated individuals, one of whom is 60 years of age or older, who agree to share a home, an apartment or access to a private living space in the form of a second dwelling unit on the premises.







Participant Criteria

- Must undergo background check and screening
 - No felony or misdemeanor involving child or elder abuse
 - No current addictive issues
- Anyone with behavioral health diagnosis must have case management supportive services
- Rarely able to accept anyone designated chronically homeless





Types of Home Sharing we offer

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- 1. Rent Exchange (RE)
- 2. Service Exchange (SE)
- 3. Combination of both (RSE)
- 4. Community Houses (CH)



Rent Exchange (RE) Home Shares

- No service obligations to Home Provider
- Rent and utilities paid on a month-to-month basis
- Rents range from \$600 to \$1500/mo.
- Types of housing available:
 - Mobile / manufactured home
 - Private homes / townhomes / apartments
 - Second dwelling units on property
- SHARE prepares rental agreement and provides ongoing support
- Fair Housing Rules & Regulations applicable
- Use of Section 8 vouchers encouraged





Example of SHARE Rent Exchange

Rita (Provider) and Sue (Seeker) - Rohnert Park

- Sue, a 72yr. old, lost her apartment in late 2015
- Over a period of 3 years, SHARE placed Sue in three Service Exchange Home Shares
- In August 2018, Sue received Section 8 Voucher after 7 years on waitlist
- SHARE matched Sue with Rita, helped facilitate HUD approval process
- HUD approves inspection in 5 business days
- Rita now receives \$1000/mo. for room rental
- Sue no longer provides services but enjoys permanent housing with Rita
- Rita says "Someone should set the SHARE program as an example. It's a fact that you are saving lives."





SHARE Match since August 2018

Service Exchange (SE) Home Shares

- No rent with more services exchanged (may include small utilities cost)
- 15 service hours/week; 2 days with no duties
- Carefully defined Home Share Agreement
 - Addendum details exact services to be performed
 - 30-day trial period, then month to month
- SHARE monitors for six months
- Potential to earn income
 - Private pay
 - Available IHSS hours
- Collaboration with agencies providing services





Example of SHARE Service Exchange

Constantine (Provider) and Chris (Seeker) – Santa Rosa

- Constantine, a middle-aged transgender woman with health issues / frequent ER visits
- Fe Fe is his loyal, 7-days/wk IHSS provider
- Chris and Fe Fe work together to care for Constantine
- Constantine's health and mobility have significantly improved
- Constantine says "Chris teaches me how to meditate...it helps me deal with my pain and it works."





SHARE Match since August 2017

Rent Service Exchange (RSE) Home Shares

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- RSE: Lower rent and clearly defined services
 - \$400 or less per month
 - 5-8 service hours per week
- Home Share Agreement
- Month to month
- SHARE monitors for six months



Example of SHARE Rent Service Exchange

Genny (Provider) and Sybil (Seeker) - Sonoma

- Genny, an 85 yr. old, owns her home and receives \$1100/mo.
 Social Security; has difficulty paying bills
- Can't drive and has mobility issues with knees
- Sybil moves to Sonoma County to nurse her sister back to health, needs affordable housing on a limited income
- SHARE quickly matched Genny and Sybil
- Sybil pays \$500/mo. rent, providing driving services and housekeeping for Genny
- They are the best of friends
- Genny states: "I am very happy and comfortable with Sybil's companionship and the support provided by SHARE Sonoma County."





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Community Houses (CH)

- SHARE matches tenants and keeps beds filled
 - 18 beds to date
 - Each tenant has a rental agreement with the homeowner (who does not live on premises)
 - SHARE provides ongoing case management and conflict resolution and "How to Home Share" manual to help tenants:
 - Properly communicate
 - Organize monthly meetings (SHARE facilitates first)
 - Conflict resolution
 - Define house rules
 - Prepare chore charts
 - Collaboration with other agencies
 - Shelters / Rapid Rehousing / SOS
 - Section 8 vouchers encouraged





Example of SHARE Community House

- Jerry and Jean, homeowners, moved to smaller home in Rohnert Park; SHARE converted their
 6-bdr home in Petaluma into a Community House
- All clients came from homelessness or were at risk
- Two clients received and maintain Section 8 vouchers
- All bedrooms were filled by Dec. 2015
- Several women have exited with immediate replacements
- Owners receive \$3500/mo. and are pleased with the arrangement





SHARE Match since November 2015

A Typical Home Provider

- 90% are women, 10% are men
- Ages range from 58 to 102 years of age
- In need of income and/or services
- Have outlived spouse
- Little or no support from family and friends
- House rich, cash poor
- Housebound
- Lonely





Home Provider Interviews

- Highly-elevated sensitivity for oftentimes vulnerable person and their circumstances
- Any family member, close friend or neighbor is encouraged to attend
- Interview lasts about 2 hours
- Determine if there is/are:
 - A POLST. Is it visible?
 - An Advanced Healthcare Directive
 - A Durable Power of Attorney; who is responsible for medical? for financial?
 - Any other agencies involved
 - Existing medical diagnoses and health issues





A Typical Home Seeker

- Most are individuals
 - 14 placements with a parent and child
- 81.5% are women, 18.5% are men ranging in age from mid-50's to 80 yrs. old
- Work full/part-time, mostly extremely low to very low income status
- Collect Social Security or Disability
- 30% couch surfing, in the shelter system or living in car
- Sustain exorbitant storage fees
- Oftentimes very little support system





Referrals and Collaboration

- Sonoma County Human Services Department, Adult & Aging Division:
 - Linkages, IHSS, APS, MSSP, Area Agency On Aging
- Health Care Institutions
 - Kaiser, Sutter, St. Joseph, Health Centers
- Nonprofit Agencies supporting our Aging Population
- County Supervisors
- Senior Centers
- 2-1-1
- Shelters
 - Sloan House, Catholic Charities, COTS, The Rose, Redwood Gospel Mission
- Community Development Commission (CDC)
- Word of mouth (family, friends and neighbors)
- www.SHARECalifornia.org

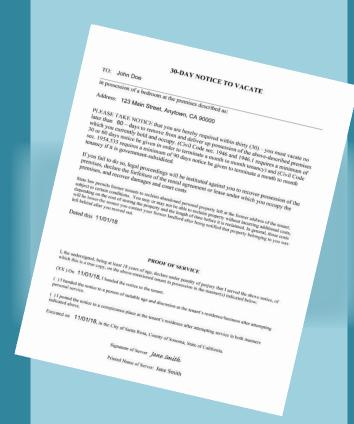




When a Share Becomes Unsuccessful

- Due to SHARE's ongoing support services, attrition rate is just 6%
- Our Home Share Agreement clearly defines house rules
 - Rule violations, complacency or red flags are addressed immediately
- 12 clients evicted to date
- 6 Seekers did not complete the service exchange trial period





Resources

- Funding
 - Additional Housing Specialists and staffing
- Referrals for
 - Home Providers
 - Home Seekers that match our criteria
 - Landlords and homeowners for Community Houses
- Big push on volunteers
- Skilled web and social media development





Data Collection

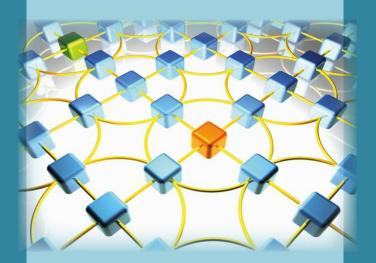


Shared Housing and Resource Exchange

Early Data Collection for SHARE

- Initial goal Capture demographics for both Provider and Seeker and create simple links between Seeker's and Sharer's rooms (manual links)
- Paper intake forms input into a hosted database
- Representative demographics points about Providers and Seekers (name, data of birth, gender, ethnicity and some "life style" attributes)
- Unable to monitor process data to see how we were performing (although recommended)
- Data easily exportable into spreadsheets due to way database was designed



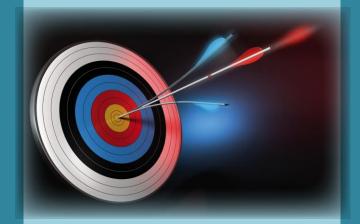


Data Collection Design Tips

Start Simply

- Begin with the "end in mind" based on what you
 want to know, what your funders want to know
 and a few early identified program goals
- Add process some simple "process" targets that will help the program serve clients more efficiently
- Apply Lean Data principals by establishing a "consistent" feedback loop checkpoint and provide key stakeholders a chance to understand the "story"

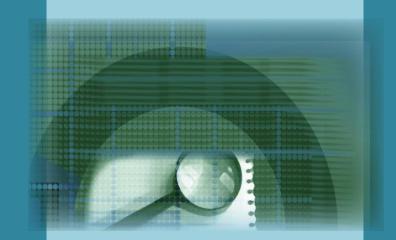




Simple Data Collection Processes

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- Create the paper form(s) and test in the field (20ish)
- Enter field tested forms into digital tool
- Gather feedback from data collectors (was the form difficult to interpret? too long? too invasive?, etc.)
- Iterate (edit) the form
- Build simple database with a form entry screen



Tips for Form Creation

Flow and Validation

- Assure forms aren't designed to "save space" to the detriment of gathering information properly
- Once paper form is smoothed out, design a database entry form to mirror the paper (field order, visual breaks, section labels etc.)
- Validate form fields to accept "that type of data" (i.e., numerical, date, phone number, text long or short)
- Export all data columns after a few forms are entered and check that each column's data type is consistent





SHARE Salesforce

- Salesforce connects our program to record
 - Inquiry calls
 - Seekers / Providers
 - Matches
 - Funders / Fund raising efforts
 - County wide Collaborations
 - Internal communication
 - SHARE Community





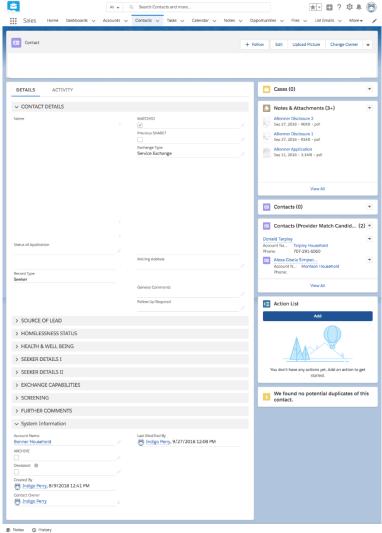
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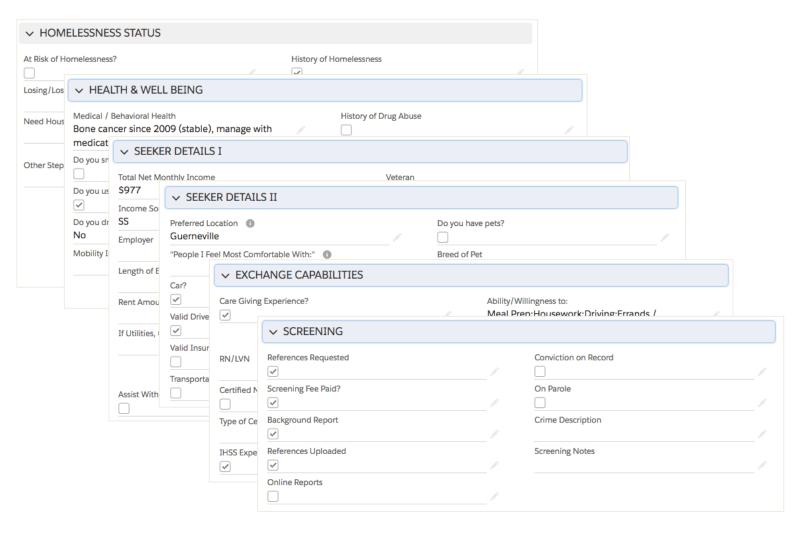
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- Seeker & Provider records are
 - Unified
 - Centralized for complete visibility and easy matching
- Comprehensive reporting and analytics easily tracked with reporting updates / action items of each client and match

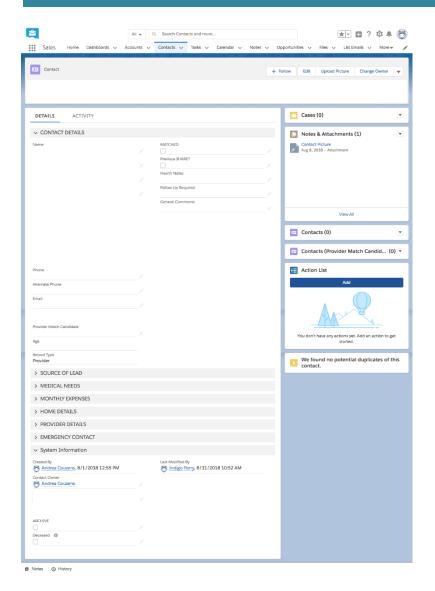


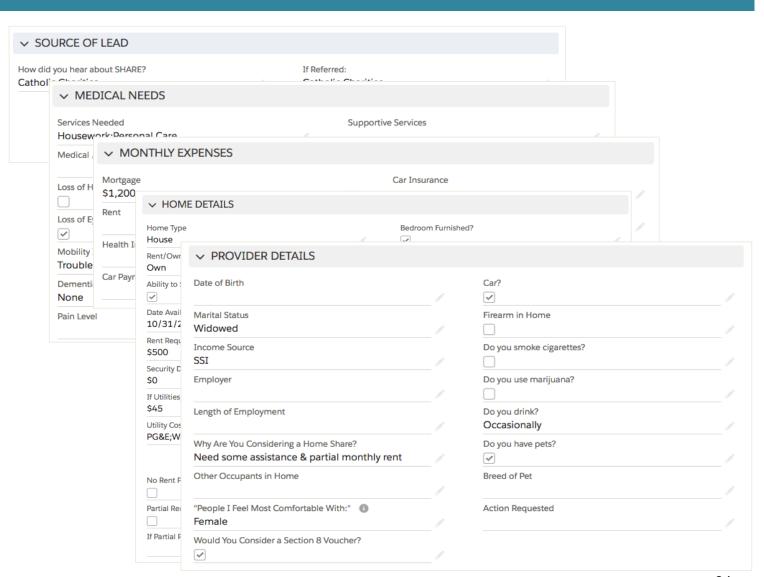
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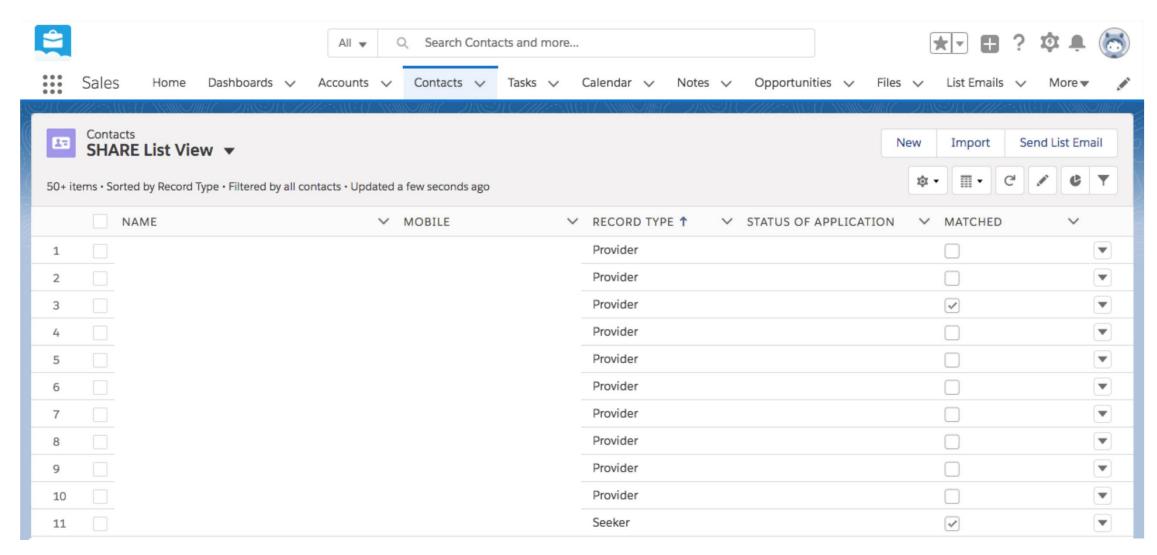


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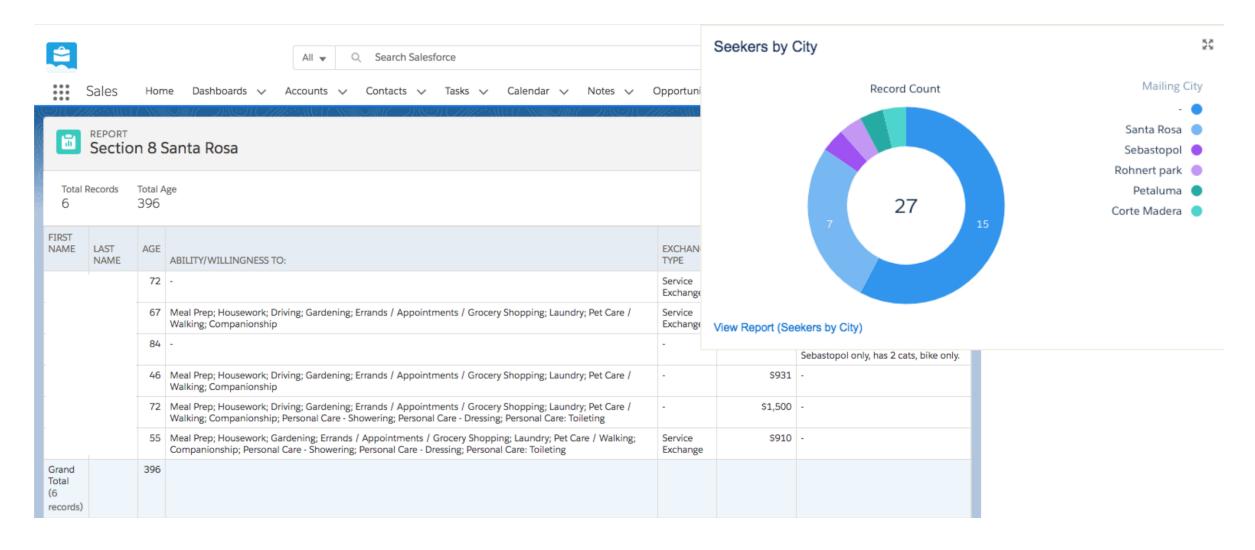




Organized Data



Reporting and Dashboards



SHARE Data Reporting



SHARE reports quarterly to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

October 1, 2015 – October 1, 2018:

103 UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS			
84 female (81.5%)	19 male (18.5%)		
PROVIDERS			
90% female	10% male		
SEEKERS			
80% female	20% male		

Homeless Management Information System

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SHARE Data Reporting (cont'd)

SHARE reports to the Community Development Commission (CDC)

October 1, 2015 - July 1, 2018:

462 UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS (15 children)

INCOME LEVEL

Extremely	Very	Low	Non Low/
Low Income	Low Income	Income	Moderate Income
238	113	57	54

ETHNIC DEMOGRAPHIC

White = 401	American Indian = 4
Hispanic = 22	Native Hawaiian = 14
Mexican = 3	Black/African = 10
Asian = 7	Multi-Racial = 1





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Collaborating with State and County Agencies for a Successful Home Share Program

Gerry LaLonde-Berg



Shared Housing and Resource Exchange

Collaborate with Housing Authority and Homeless Services Continuum of Care

- Funding streams from housing authority and continuum of care
 - Each region has its own Continuum of Care to address homelessness
 - Some funding streams can also be applied to housing needs
- SHARE households accept Section 8 vouchers





Steps to County Collaboration

Step 1: Bring together interested parties

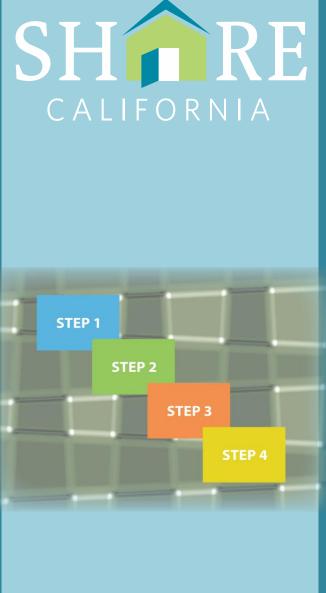
Step 2: Decide which organization is best suited

to take lead role

Step 3: Educate Board of Supervisors and

non-profit boards on Home Sharing

Step 4: Develop funding options



Funding sources

- Private philanthropy concerned with elders and/or housing
- Emergency services grants
- 'No Place Like Home' funds
- County Continuum of Care funding streams
- Program fees
- Community memberships





How the Human Service Department Can Foster the Utilization of Shared Housing Programs

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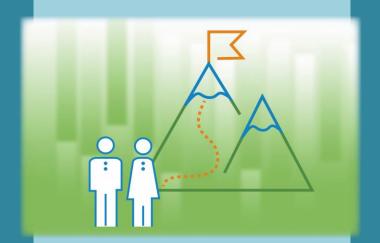
- The shared housing provider will define referral processes for community workers (e.g., county adult protective services workers, linkages, MSSP, etc.)
- SHARE's program matches two individuals and is not a program for those with the highest needs, which is important for staffers to understand in the development and implementation process
- Develop, or use existing, confidentiality and release of information tools, so placement can be most appropriate



Taking a Leadership Role

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- Your County's support and leadership will assure you have a competent, compassionate home sharing program
- Help identify funding sources
- Stay involved so as issues or impediments arise, resolutions can be developed by the SHARE agency, your department and community





We'd Love to Hear from You!

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