

The first steps to begin the Shared Living process...

If you are interested in learning more about The Arc of GHN's Shared Living program or to begin the process of applying as a member or caregiver, please contact Stacy Bellavia.



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Greater Haverhill–Newburyport

Mission Statement

“To Advocate, Educate, and Explore Opportunities for Personal Growth and Fulfillment”

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a dynamic and innovative organization that recognizes and supports every person's unique gifts and talents. Our work is shifting the focus from “doing for” to partnering with the individuals and families we support.

Our personalized and customized approach allows our partners to pursue their needs and dreams while enriching the community. We strive for excellence by supporting people in becoming leaders and ambassadors of equal opportunity.

Achieve with us.



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Shared Living



“Be the change you wish to see in the world”

-Ghandi

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The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport

What is Shared Living?

The Arc's *Shared Living* program is based on the philosophy that people of different gifts and abilities share their lives by living together under the same roof in a mutually satisfying home setting.

Shared Living Home Providers support the person in their day to day needs. Home Providers receive a generous **tax exempt** monthly stipend based on the level of care the person requires.

Payment includes room and board, and basic day to day care and supports. This program is funded by the Department of Developmental Services. Most people with disabilities in a Shared Living placement either work or volunteer in the community and have some type of day activity or program.

Our Shared Living program is supported and supervised by Support Coordinators through monthly home visits and 24/7 on-call emergency support.



Our team works closely with the person and/or family as well as the Home Providers to identify potential matches and provide ongoing support with the management of the person's needs.

This program also allows some family members or relatives (who are not parents or guardians) to become Shared Living Home Providers for their loved one.

The Arc embraces the philosophy that relationship building is an integral component to a person's success. To this end, we are committed to matching individuals with providers who have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the person's unique needs.

Home Provider Qualifications

- The Shared Living Home Providers must be at least 21 years of age;
- Home Providers must be willing to share their life and home, providing 24/7 care,* to an individual eligible and approved by the Department of Developmental Services;
- Home Providers cannot be the parents or guardians of the member;
- Home Providers must complete a comprehensive application process in order to assist in matching candidates, including a CORI check, and home inspection;
- Home Providers must also complete basic required trainings, and participate in monthly home visits.

* **Most people receiving services attend a Monday - Friday day program.**