

*Fostering independence  
and growth in a comfortable  
living environment.*

### **Mission Statement**

LifeStream, Inc. provides community-based services throughout Southeastern Massachusetts that promote personal dignity, independence, and the removal of barriers through the provision of individualized support and education.

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# Shared Living Program



## What is Shared Living?

Shared Living is a residential option for individuals with disabilities that provides them the opportunity to live in private family homes with dedicated caregivers. Each individual plays an active role in planning their daily routine and receives services tailored to their needs through LifeStream's clinical team and experienced professionals.

## The Home Matching Process

The relationship between the caregiver and the individual is the key to a successful Shared Living experience. LifeStream ensures that caregivers have the skills needed to support the individuals we serve. The process involves both the individual and their family members in a highly personalized matching process. For many, this is the beginning of a long, and mutually rewarding relationship.



## The Benefits of Shared Living

### *For individuals:*

- Learning new skills
- Socializing with family and friends
- Participation in community activities
- Advocacy services
- Medication management oversight
- Individualized Service Plans (ISPs) are developed to help individuals reach new goals.

### *For caregivers:*

- Daily stipend
- Paid room and board
- 24-hour case management
- The emotional rewards that come with helping others

## Caregiver Eligibility

Those providing care must meet the following requirements:

- At least 21 years of age
- Must own or rent a home
- May be married or single
- Must be able to provide personal care
- May be employed elsewhere

## Why LifeStream?

Founded in 1976 by a group of concerned parents seeking better care for their adult children with disabilities, LifeStream has grown to become one of the largest providers of human services in southeastern Massachusetts. The organization's core human services include:

- Residential Services
- Supported Employment/Community-Based Day Support Services
- Community and Family Support Services
- Clinical Services
- Employment and Training



## Learn More

To learn more about LifeStream's Shared Living program or to schedule an appointment, call LifeStream Disabilities Services at 508-674-1539, ext.3106. To learn more about LifeStream, visit us at [www.lifestreaminc.com](http://www.lifestreaminc.com).

