



# Thompson Community Services

Care with Dignity – Choices for Life

At Thompson Community Services we offer highly individualized, solution-focused services for individuals, families and funders.

We know that over time, each individual's needs change and evolve and so offer the planning and choices required to adapt to those changes.

We believe that choices and flexibility are important for all of us - and providing those options are part of providing care with dignity and respect.

## HOME SHARING

A Home Sharing residence provides a home and caregiver support for individuals with a developmental disability. At Thompson Community Services (TCS), we match residents with home sharing caregivers and continue to monitor and support the home share environment.

Home sharing will involve sharing of the home and may include assistance in self-care and relationship-building, life skills, meal preparation, personal care, as well as use of community resources, activities and services. At TCS, we arrange home sharing for individuals who would like a little more independence but are not able to live without support.

We recognize that the most important part of home sharing is a close relationship between the client, home share provider and TCS. Individuals within a home not only share their home but also each others' lives. In some situations, members of the home spend a lot of time together and are actively involved in one another's daily activities. In other homes, the arrangement is more independent.

We believe that successful home sharing involves carefully matching each individual with a provider who is best suited to meet their personal needs and preferences based on an individual planning process. TCS staff work with individuals and home share providers to develop short and long-term goals. Home share providers are then responsible for implementing plans, identifying progress and making adjustments to meet the changing needs of an individual.

Individuals tend to choose a home sharing option because it provides an ideal balance of support and independence; both of which are flexible and can be adapted as needs change. This model allows individuals to share a home with a caregiver that will meet their unique goals and preferences. For some individuals, home sharing is a stepping stone that will lead to even greater independence and for others it is an arrangement that will meet their goals for many years.

