

sharing a home & life

Shared Living.

# Host Family Care



Avivo offers a range of shared living support options where an Avivo customer shares a home with the person who provides them support. This can either be the customer's home or the support person's home.

**This information sheet is about the two shared living options where a customer and the support person live together in the support person's home.**

## \* Part-time Host Family Care

The customer lives with the support person for short-stays, for example a weekend or a week or two at a time.

## \* Full-time Host Family Care

The customer lives with the support person on a full-time basis and this is the customer's primary place of residence.

The customer, support person and any others living in the house don't just share a home, they share their lives as well. They share a sense of belonging and contribution, companionship and everyday life experiences.

This is a mutually beneficial and enriching experience for everyone in the home.

The support is tailored to the customer's requirements and is provided by the support person in a natural and flexible way, interwoven into everyday life.

With Part-time Host Family Care the support person is generally paid a wage. With Full-time Host Family Care, the support person is generally paid a tax-free reimbursement towards their expenses and efforts in supporting the customer. The customer pays a contribution towards board and lodging.

## Avivo's role

To promote positive and enduring shared living arrangements, Avivo carefully considers the customer's needs and the compatibility between the customer and support person.

The customer and support person get to know each other before they begin.

Avivo works with the customer and

support person to develop an agreement about how the arrangement will work.

There is a trial to start with so the customer and support person can see if the living arrangement suits them.

Avivo provides ongoing monitoring, support and guidance for the duration of the arrangement.

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