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## HOME SHARE PROGRAM – R-XI-1

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### **POLICY:**

OPTIONS northwest shall have and utilize written directives that outline a Home Share Program including: screening and selection process; responsibilities of OPTIONS northwest, Home Share Provider (HSP) and individual being supported; support and monitoring; remuneration.

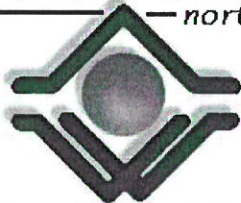
The Home Share Program will enable adults with a developmental disability to live and grow in a nurturing family environment with non-family caregivers who can provide them with the care, support and supervision they require to be full members of their community and that their independence, dignity and right to self-determination is respected and fostered.

### **PURPOSE:**

1. To provide a safe and secure place where adults with a developmental disability can live in a safe and nurturing environment home setting.
2. To promote a high quality of life.
3. To support community involvement, social inclusion, individual choice, independence, rights and responsibilities.
4. To outline the standards that OPTIONS northwest must meet in accordance with the regulation on quality assurance measures (Ontario Regulation 299/10), made under the Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008 and the Ministry of Community and Social Service's Policy Directives for Service Agencies Regarding the Home Share Program.

### **PROCEDURE:**

OPTIONS northwest will support people who are choosing to live in a Home Share environment. OPTIONS northwest will ensure the Home Share environment is a safe and nurturing environment and the Home Share Provider will promote social inclusion while respecting the choice of people. OPTIONS northwest will complete the necessary screening of all potential Home Share Providers and provide the required training and ongoing monitoring to ensure standards are met.



**DIRECTIVES:**

1. OPTIONS northwest will recruit and match persons wanting to reside in a Home Share environment with an approved Home Share provider. Where there is an existing relationship between the Home Sharer and Home Share provider (example; where both parties know each other from a previous relationship through the youth system), the same screening process will apply.
2. OPTIONS northwest will complete the required screening of all potential Home Share Providers as per policy R-XI-2.
3. OPTIONS northwest will provide a Service Agreement identifying the minimum requirements and to administer and manage funding for the Home Share provider. The agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis. See policy R-XI-3.
4. OPTIONS northwest will provide ongoing support for both the Home Sharer and the Home Share provider including all necessary training. See policy R-XI-4.

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Director of Community Services

**APPENDICES:** 0

**OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY:** Community Services Administration,  
Administration

**ORIGINAL POLICY DATE:** November 2017

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Executive Director

**SIGNATURE:**   
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