

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. How do I become a Host Home Provider?

Simply fill out an application on-line, or stop by one of our offices

## 2. What are the requirements for a Host Home Provider?

Providers must:

- a. Complete Direct Support Person training and be able to be submitted to the Illinois Health Care Workers Registry.
- b. Be 21 years of age.
- c. Provide a residence that meets the requirements of DHS.
- d. Possess a high school diploma or G.E.D.
- e. Pass a criminal background review, as well as, all other individuals over the age of 16 living in the home.
- f. Complete training, become authorized, and maintain authorization to assist individuals in the passing of their medications.
- g. Possess a valid Illinois Driver's License, possess a good driving record, and have minimum required auto insurance.

## 3. What is the rate of pay for a host home provider?

The stipend paid to Host Home Providers is based on 65% of the individual's annual CILA award rate. This rate varies from person to person, and is dependent upon the level of support the individual requires. Stipends are not considered income. Therefore, stipend payments are NOT taxed.

## 4. How often do I get paid?

Two time per month.

## 5. How many individuals can I provide services for in my home?

The Illinois regulations governing CILA services only allow a provider to serve up to 2 individuals in the traditional care model.

## 6. Can I be a Host Home Provider for my brother?

No. Host Home Providers cannot be relatives or guardians of individuals they serve.

## 7. Can I be an employee of ResCare and a Host Home Provider?

No. Employees of ResCare cannot contract with ResCare as a Host Home Provider.

## 8. Can a Host Home Provider engage in employment outside of ResCare?

Yes. However, ResCare must have knowledge of outside employment and be able to ensure that the Host Home Provider commits necessary resources (including time and energy) to meet the needs of the individuals served.



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### **9. Can I be a Host Home Provider if I am already a DCFS foster parent?**

Generally no. However, a waiver may be requested for situations where a long-standing relationship exists with a child aging out of DCFS.

### **10. How many people can live in my home including those individuals I serve?**

Only six people, including family members and individuals served may reside in the Host Home. A waiver may be requested to raise the limit to 8.

### **11. Does ResCare provide time away from caring for the individual?**

Yes. ResCare will assist the individual in gaining access to day program services for a minimum of 5.5 hours per week day (excluding weekends and holidays). Additionally, ResCare provides, at a minimum, an average of 20 hours per month of relief time, and 2 weeks per year of vacation time.

### **12. What if I need to go out of town for a commitment?**

ResCare will provide supervision and care for the individual during your absence as part of the relief hours or vacation days.

### **13. Am I eligible for ResCare benefits?**

No. Host Home Providers are independent contractors. Therefore, they are NOT employees of ResCare.

### **14. How are individuals placed in my home?**

Individuals that requested to live in a host home are introduced to a prospective Host Home Provider through a matching process. Host Home Providers will meet each individual and have time to develop a relationship and decide on whether to serve the individual. This matching process can involve visits by the individual to the home, introduction of the individual's family to the Host Provider, and meetings with the Host Home Provider and the treatment team. The matching process will last as long as it takes for all persons involved to be comfortable and agree to the match.

### **15. What services does ResCare provide to the individual in my care?**

ResCare staff provide all of the programmatic, clinical, therapeutic, assessment, and nursing services to the individual.

### **16. What if I begin experiencing difficulty in serving my individual?**

ResCare will provide intensive supports to assist you with any difficulties, issues, or questions that may arise at any time. Supports are available 24 hours per day, including clinical and nursing services.

### **17. How do I contact ResCare staff after hours?**

ResCare has a 24 hour on-call service answered by staff from the local office.

### **18. What if I can no longer provide care for the individual?**

If intensive supports are not sufficient to maintain the individual in your home, ResCare staff will provide alternative placement for the individual.

### **19. Can I bring the individual I serve to family functions, gatherings, social events?**

Yes, inclusion of individuals served in the day-to-day activities of the provider is one of the major strengths of this type of living arrangement.



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