

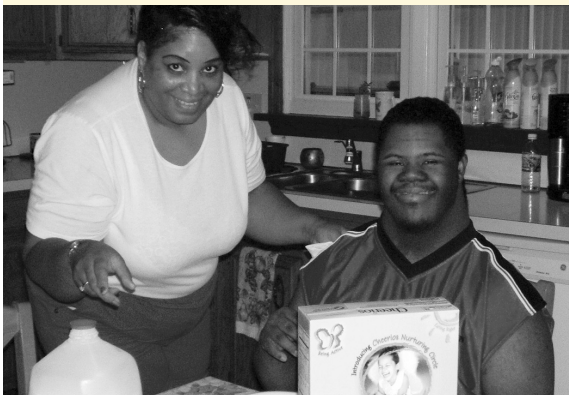
What is a *Community Care Provider*?

A *Community Care Provider* is a person who opens his or her home to an individual with a developmental disability and ensures a warm and caring place to live.

Community Care Providers are part of a program administered by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), within the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS). DDD compensates *Community Care Providers* for the services they provide to individuals.

What does a *Community Care Provider* do?

A *Community Care Provider* provides the individual with room and board (three meals a day), in-home care, supervision, life-skill training, and transportation to and from recreational and leisure activities. A *Community Care Provider* also arranges for the individual to receive all necessary medical and dental care.



Community Care Providers must be:

- ◆ Over 18 years of age;
- ◆ New Jersey residents;
- ◆ Physically, emotionally, and mentally healthy;
- ◆ Able to read, write, and speak English;
- ◆ Living in a home that is stable, clean, and well-maintained with sufficient space for another person; and
- ◆ Subject to a criminal history record background check, including fingerprinting.

What makes *Community Care Providers* special?

All caregivers are special people; but *Community Care Providers* are able to provide a consistent level of care and support that can be especially beneficial to individuals with developmental disabilities. *Community Care Providers* provide personal, hands-on care in their own homes. They can ensure the type of stable environment that is essential for human growth and development. They also help individuals reach their full potential by encouraging them to live as independently as possible.

How are placements made?

DDD screens both the *Community Care Provider* and the individual before making a match. A placement continues as long as the individual's needs are being met. Many times, an individual is accepted and considered as a member of the *Community Care Provider's* family. Some placements last a lifetime.



What supervision and support do *Community Care Providers* receive?

DDD provides *Community Care Providers* with ongoing training, and DDD case managers visit at least once a month. *Community Care Providers* must abide by the terms of their contract with DDD and regulations issued by the DHS Office of Licensing.

Where do *Community Care Providers* live?

There are more than 600 *Community Care Providers* in New Jersey, which can be found in every county in the State. They are in hundreds of different, large and small communities.

Some *Community Care Providers* are homeowners and some are renters. All, however, live in well-maintained homes that have room for someone else to live comfortably.



Do you have interest in becoming a *Community Care Provider*?

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