



HomePlace Host

FOR HOST WORKERS





INFORMATION FOR HOST WORKERS

HomePlace Hosts welcome a person with a disability into their family home for weekends. The host supports a person with disabilities through inclusion into their own life, increased social connection, active participation in community and development of life skills.

Benefits of being a HomePlace Host Worker

As well as receiving an above-award reimbursement for supporting someone with a disability in your home, being a host also allows you and your family to give someone the opportunity to build new friendships, be independent, learn new skills and get the chance to get out and about. It also gives families and full time carers the chance to have a break from their caring role, knowing that their family member is in a safe, family environment. Hosting allows other family members the opportunity to understand and build relationships with someone living with a disability.

Key selection criteria

A commitment to the values of HomePlace

- Respectful
- Resilient
- Genuinely useful and helpful
- A trusted companion
- A willingness and desire to host a person with a disability through the HomePlace Host program
- Demonstrated communication skills
- Demonstrated understanding of the health and safety requirements of the role
- Your home is set to the HomePlace safety standards
- Anyone aged 18 and over residing at your property will need to have a current DHS Police Clearance
- Able to meet the social and disability support needs of the participant.

Other requirements

- A current DHS screening
- Attendance at a Host Orientation session
- Current First Aid & CPR qualification
- Medication Training qualification
- Willingness to undertake extra training if required
- Two reference checks
- An extra bedroom for the person to have by themselves

Who can be a HomePlace Host?

Just about anyone who is 18 years old or over can be a host. Hosts come from all different lifestyles and cultural and religious backgrounds, and can be single, in a couple or part of a family. The most important attributes to have are a positive and caring attitude to people living with a disability and an ability to make a commitment.

Who will the employer be?

You would be an actual employee of HomePlace. This means that you would have to adhere to HomePlace's policies and procedures and be expected to undertake duties such as meal preparation, supporting the individual with activities, and, on occasion, personal care.

Home safety check

HomePlace would also undertake a home safety checklist onsite at your home prior to accepting you on the program to ensure your home is safe for a person with a disability to stay. This home safety check would also be undertaken onsite annually, and if anything was not up to HomePlace's safety standards, you would be expected to take actions to bring it to the expected standards before a person would be placed with you.

Reimbursement

All HomePlace Host workers will be paid an allowance for caring for a person with a disability in their home. This allowance is paid in blocks of 24 hours and usually will be scheduled from a Friday night to a Sunday night once a month, although this depends on the needs of the individual and their families.



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Enquiries are welcome from individuals, families and professionals. Please contact HomePlace for further information about the HomePlace Host program.

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