



## Colorado Loving Care

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Can I have children in the home?**

- Yes, please list the ages of your children on your application.

#### **Can I have pets in the home?**

- Yes, you can have pets. Please specify the type and number of pets you have, as this may affect placement options.

#### **What training or certificates do I need and where do I get them?**

- First Aid/CPR: Colorado Loving Care accepts certification from any American Red Cross certified program.
- Medication Certification (QMAP): This class is also offered by a number of Service Agencies in the Denver Metro area. We accept certifications from other agencies if it was acquired within the past 12 months.
- Basic Orientation: These classes are available Colorado Loving Care and covers an overview of I/DD services, state regulations, and care requirements.
- Home Inspection: A home inspection is required before placement by one of our representatives.
- Additional Training: Additional training may be necessary depending on the specific needs of the individuals you care for.

#### **How long will it take once I apply before I get a placement in my home?**

- The timeframe for placement varies and depends on several factors, including client and family preferences, matching results, compatibility, and family decision-making issues. We take pride in ensuring longevity and stability, which may require some time.

#### **How many individuals can I serve in my home?**

- You can have two individuals living in your home full time. If space is available, you can provide Respite care for a third person. Three-bed host homes are an option if all team members for each individual in services agree on the placement.

#### **How much will I get paid?**

- Rates vary based on what we receive from the state of Colorado and the specific needs of each individual. Reimbursement rates are determined by a standardized assessment for each client. For more information, please contact our Intake Department.

#### **Can I apply with other agencies?**

- Yes, you can apply with other agencies.

#### **Can I have a client from a different agency in my home?**

- Yes, but we need to be informed before placement. If you already have one of our clients in your home and receive a second placement from a different agency, please notify us before their move-in.



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### **What can I do to expedite a placement?**

- To speed up the placement process, provide photos and descriptions of your home and family to Colorado Loving Care's team through email. Ensure your training certifications are up to date and maintain contact via email. Certain types of homes, such as wheelchair-accessible homes and those in specific counties, are in high demand.

### **Do I need to live in Colorado?**

- Yes, currently Colorado Loving Care operates exclusively in the State of Colorado.

### **Must I own a computer?**

- Yes, our providers are required to have their own computer and internet access for training and tracking client care.

### **What is Respite?**

- Respite is short-term relief offered to Host Home Providers for various reasons, such as vacations, illness, meetings, or training.

### **Can I provide Respite while on the waiting list for a placement?**

- Yes, you can provide Respite if your home is ready and your training certifications are current.

### **How much will I get paid for providing Respite?**

- Respite rates are negotiated between the Current Host Home Provider and the Respite Provider.

### **Can I have two clients and have them share a bedroom?**

- No, each client must have their own bedroom. Clients can share a bathroom.

### **Can a client's bedroom be in the basement?**

- Yes, if the client can navigate stairs, and the basement is finished and furnished. A basement bedroom must have egress windows for safety.

### **Do I need to furnish the bedroom for a potential placement?**

- Most clients typically have their own bedroom furnishings, but having a spare bed can facilitate providing Respite while waiting for a permanent placement.

### **Who in my home needs to have a Background Check?**

- Anyone over 18 living in the home should undergo a Background Check.

### **Who does the Background Check?**

- Colorado Loving Care conducts the background check with your permission through CAPS and CBI free of charge.

### **What is Professional Liability Insurance, and do I have to carry it?**

- Host Home Providers contracted with Colorado Loving Care are required to purchase Professional Liability Insurance when a client is placed. This is considered a cost of doing business as an independent contractor.



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### **Who pays for the client's clothes, medications, entertainment, and groceries?**

- Clients receive a monthly allowance for personal needs. Some items are covered by Medicare/Medicaid, while others are the responsibility of the Host Home Provider.

### **What is a "Day Program"?**

- Day Program Services are funded by Medicaid and are based on the needs of the client. The Client's support team will assist in choosing an appropriate Day Program, which can take up to 30 days.

### **Where do you get your referrals?**

- We primarily receive referrals from various Community Center Boards in the Denver Metro Area and from private pay clients.

### **Do I have to wait for you to get a referral before I get a client placed in my home?**

- Yes, there is typically a waiting period, but you may occasionally receive a placement from our existing client pool.