

## Eligibility

Home Sharers must be 60 years old or older or an adult with a disability. Homes must be located within Franklin County and the North Quabbin. Home Seekers must be 18 years old or older.

## Screening

All applicants are screened carefully for the safety of everyone and to make the best possible matches.

## Getting Started

Contact the LifePath Information & Caregiver Resource Center to speak with a resource consultant to see if this program is right for you.



At LifePath, we listen first, and then help each person find the best options for their unique needs. We help older adults and individuals with disabilities maintain independence in their own homes and communities. We help caregivers find resources and support.

We believe all people have a fundamental right to maintain their quality of life, dignity, and independence, as valued members of our communities. Our guiding principles are choice, inclusion, well-being, community, stewardship, and social action.

LifePath, a private, nonprofit corporation, has served Franklin County, Athol, Petersham, Phillipston, and Royalston for over 45 years. Some of our programs are available in Hampden, Hampshire, Berkshire, Worcester, and Middlesex counties. We are an Area Agency on Aging and Aging Services Access Point funded in part by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

LifePath is committed to diversity in employment practices and service delivery. Our agency prohibits discrimination and takes affirmative action to serve people in our community with fairness and respect. We recognize that differences among people may be barriers to inclusion. These differences include race, physical appearance and ability, sex, age, language, nationality and ancestry, class, religious and political beliefs, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. We welcome and value all people, and we dedicate our agency to an ongoing effort to achieve the goal of greater diversity among our employees, consumers, and others whom we serve.



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## HomeShare

Home sharing is when two or more people share a home and expenses.

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## Matching

Both participants have full control to say whether the match will move forward. Our full disclosure policy requires us to share all of the information gathered so that participants can make an informed decision.

Time frames for matches vary from weeks to many months. The goal is to make the best in-home matches possible.

“It is a feel-good experience helping others to age comfortably in their homes.”



## Fees

Participants choose what support they want from a menu of services ranging from free do-it-yourself information packets to full matching services with ongoing support.

Fees are determined by the income of participants, on a cost sharing basis.



“I don’t want to leave my family home. I love my neighborhood community! It would be wonderful to have a calming and reassuring presence while receiving support with caring for myself and my home.”

## How does HomeShare work?

The Home Sharer offers a safe and sanitary private bedroom and shared communal areas such as a kitchen, a full bathroom, living, and eating areas.

The Home Seeker enjoys reduced housing expenses in exchange for help around the house or with personal care. Help might include preparing meals, pet care, laundry, yard work or assistance with dressing or bathing.

No two HomeShare agreements will be the same. Every agreement is tailored to the specific desires, interests, and lifestyles of participants.