



# Approved Private-service Home Program

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The Approved Private-service Home Program is part of the Community Living Division of the Ministry of Social Services.

### **What is an approved private-service home?**

An approved private-service home is a private home that provides a family atmosphere for people with intellectual disabilities. Some individuals may also have a physical disability. These homes make it possible for people with disabilities to enjoy a meaningful life through family living in the community and to develop social, recreational and living skills.

### **What is expected of a home proprietor?**

The proprietor of an approved private-service home must be willing to provide a variety of supports to people with intellectual disabilities:

- provide a warm family environment;
- support individuals to make choices and to experience a meaningful life;
- help individuals to learn daily living skills;
- provide time for leisure and recreation;
- respect religious practices;
- help individuals manage their money;
- help individuals make and keep dental, medical and other appointments;
- make sure medication is provided as prescribed by a doctor;
- work with community agencies with which individuals are involved;

- help individuals keep in contact with their families (visits, letters, cards, etc.);
- provide and encourage a healthy diet and lifestyle;
- help individuals to participate in their community;
- assist individuals in dealing with their day-to-day concerns and problems;
- keep accurate financial and medical records for individuals;
- share information with Community Living Division as required; and
- understand and respect the need to keep information about individuals confidential.

### **When and how much are approved private-service home proprietors paid?**

Proprietors are paid on a monthly basis by the Ministry of Social Services for providing support to the people in their home. The payment amount depends upon the level of care and support that the individual requires. Information about rates is made available during a *home study* process.

### **How do I become licensed?**

Approved private-service homes are licensed under *The Residential Services Act* and the *Approved Private-service Homes Regulations*. To become licensed, you must:

- complete an application;
- take part in a home-study process,

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which will involve all members of your family who live in your home (this process can take three to six months to complete);

- complete a police records check (those in the home who are age 18 and over); and
- provide a list of references.

The home you wish to have licensed must be your principal residence. It must meet provincial health and fire regulations. If all of the licensing requirements are met and there is a need for approved private-service homes in your area, your home will be licensed.

For more information about the Approved Private-service Home program, please contact the nearest Community Living Division office.

### **Saskatchewan Approved Private Homes, Inc.**

Saskatchewan Approved Private Homes, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides information and support to approved private-service home proprietors. Membership includes both Mental Health and Community Living Division approved private-service home proprietors. Information regarding Saskatchewan Approved Private Homes, Inc. can

be obtained through your local Community Living Division office.

### **Here's what people who operate approved private-service homes say:**

*[The people who live in my home] call me constantly to see the sunset. I don't take the time to look at nature ..... they make me.*

*I think my children are better people because of it and I'm a better person as well. It's given me independence and a sense of strength by helping other people.*

*Being an approved private-service home operator gives me something to get up for in the morning ... it's a challenge.*

**For further information, contact the Community Living Division office nearest you:**

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