



What is Shared Housing?

Shared Housing is an intergenerational program designed to reduce the cost of shelter by matching compatible individuals who are interested in sharing living arrangements, expenses and household duties.

Who is Eligible for this Program?

Any individual who is willing to share a living space is a potential Shared Housing candidate. Participants can be students, singles, widows, widowers, etc. Adults of all ages may participate in the program, however, one person in each match must be at least 62 years old.

How Does the Program Work?

Participants in the Shared Housing Program are either "Providers" or "Seekers". Providers are persons who have a house, apartment or condominium to share. Seekers are persons desiring a new housing situation.

PLOWS acts as a confidential clearinghouse to screen interested persons. Arrangements will be made for potentially compatible individuals to meet and, without obligation, explore the possibility of sharing a home. PLOWS offers guidance in developing an agreement between Providers and Seekers, and provides follow-up visits and meetings.

This program does **not** offer emergency housing, nor does it provide housemates for nursing care, household help or sitter services.

What Are the Benefits?

Financial:

The sharing of expenses reduces the cost of housing. Sharing is an alternative to struggling with escalating shelter costs and waiting years for subsidized housing.

Companionship:

Loneliness and isolation are reduced through a shared living environment.

Security:

The fear and vulnerability of living alone are decreased by sharing.

Independence:

Through sharing, older adults continue to maintain their independence in the community.

Who Sponsors the Program?

The PLOWS Council on Aging developed Shared Housing to provide an affordable housing option to older adults and is part of its overall program to help seniors remain independent in their own communities.

PLOWS offers Shared Housing at no charge to interested persons. Inquiries are welcome about this unique housing option. For information call **708-361-0219**.

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Thursday, June 5, 2014
12:30 p.m.-1:30p.m.

*Those attending the June 5th seminar will be eligible to register for appointments
on June 18th to prepare these legal documents at no charge*

Event Location: Moraine Court Supportive Living
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Who should attend?

Older adults Family caregivers

What will you learn about?

- **Power of Attorney** – a legal document that allows you to appoint a trusted person to make health care and/or property decisions on your behalf in the event you become incapacitated in the future.
- **Living Wills** – more limited in scope than a Power of Attorney for Healthcare, a Living Will allows you to authorize the withholding of medical treatment at the end of your life.
- Other Services offered at the *Center for Disability and Elder Law*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the legal rights of low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities in Cook County since 1984.

Please call PLOWS Council on Aging to register at 708.361.0219

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