



# Metro Housing Collaborative

Bridging Gaps, Creating Collaborations

## CONNECTIONS: A SHARED HOUSING INITIATIVE FAQS



- 01. What is Shared Housing?**

Shared Housing is when two or more individuals share a home or apartment. Each person has the privacy of their own room. Each tenant has their own lease with the landlord.
- 02. Who is eligible for the Shared Housing Option?**

Any individuals or families who express an interest in living with two or more people.
- 03. Do I choose whom I live with?**

Yes, a process has been established to help you select potential housemates. After completing a brief preference form, you'll be notified of matches that you may be compatible with. Your Case Manager and a Shared Housing Coordinator will help you throughout the process.
- 04. What happens if one of my housemates leaves and doesn't pay their rent?**

If your housemate leaves a balance with the landlord, you are not responsible for that balance. The Shared Housing Coordinator will repeat the housemate pairing process to find another housemate that you are compatible with.
- 05. How do we divide utilities?**

You and your housemates will discuss potential options for splitting and paying monthly bills. Once everyone has agreed on a plan, you will sign a housemate agreement that clearly states how utilities will be split and paid if the landlord does not include them in the rent.
- 06. Who does the chores?**

You decide on your house rules with your housemates and include them in the signed housemate agreement. These rules can be revisited and revised over time.
- 07. What happens if I want my own place? Is Shared Housing permanent?**

You are only committing to the length of the lease agreement which will be for 12 months. You can decide to leave or renew after the end of your lease term. Shared Housing can be a bridge to your next-step housing plan or a long-term housing solution.
- 08. What happens if there is a conflict with a housemate?**

The Shared Housing Option provides Peer Navigators and a Shared Housing Coordinator to assist with any issues that may arise; however, we strongly encourage having a housemate meeting to see if the problem can be resolved within the home.

If you have any additional questions, please email our Shared Housing Coordinator at [sharedhousing@metrohousingcollaborative.com](mailto:sharedhousing@metrohousingcollaborative.com) or call (402) 807-3107.