



### DHHS Provider Bulletin 23-01

Provider Bulletin 23-01 was issued by DHHS to inform all Developmental Disabilities (DD) providers about changes to the Shared Living Service currently being developed by the Division for publication in **January 2024**. The draft text of both the Policy Manual guidance for Shared Living Providers and a Home Study Survey are available in the Provider Bulletin in the link below.

One primary change is that SLPs will no longer be allowed to provide day supports, except for students. ABLED is planning to discuss the changes with each team affected to determine the next best solution. We anticipate a fair amount of staffing changes and training before Jan 1. We believe our SLPs have a ton of experience and a lot to offer other teams. We hope to see some amazing new relationships blossom out of these changes.

Additionally, DHHS will require Home Study Surveys for all new SLP placements starting Jan 1. This will help to identify the best possible match for participants and SLPs.

A summary of these and other changes to Shared Living is listed on page 5 of this newsletter. DHHS will provide training for agencies in November. You may view the full Provider Bulletin at:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DD-Provider-Bulletins.aspx>

*Thank You* for joining us in our mission!

*“Serving Jesus Christ by enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities”*

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## PEARSON PUMPKIN PLACE SEPT 22



## FEEDBACK

We want to make ABLED the best agency. Please use the link at the top of this email to let us know how we're doing and provide suggestions. Your survey comments are anonymous, unless you choose to submit your name.

You may also contact us by phone, email, mail or on our website at [www.abledinc.com](http://www.abledinc.com).

## ABLED EVENTS

**WE HOPE FOR A GREAT TURNOUT AT OUR EVENTS SO PARTICIPANTS AND STAFF CAN MEET AND GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER!**

**Thursday October 12**

Adventure Golf Center  
5901 S 56th St, Lincoln NE  
Time: 11:30 am

**Friday October 13**

ABLED Barn Craft & Apparel Pickup  
61032 726.5 Road, Crab Orchard NE  
Time: 11:00 am

**Saturday October 14**

Once in a Blue Moon Fall Festival  
325 W 4th St, Cortland NE  
Arrive @ 9:30 pm

**Wednesday October 18**

Vala's Pumpkin Patch  
12102 S 180th St, Gretna NE  
Arrive @ 12:30 pm

**Thursday October 26**

Calver Rec Center Vaccine Clinic  
4500 Stockwell St, Lincoln NE  
Time: 9:00 -10:00 AM

**Friday October 27**

Cain "Live & In Color" Concert  
6400 S 70th St, Lincoln NE  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Contact Makaela for tickets

**NEW OFFICE "OPEN HOUSE" HOURS FOR KIM SCHROEDER, LIMHP, CLINICAL DIRECTOR FOR ABLED. 1701 WINDHOEK DR STE 104, LINCOLN NE.**

- Monday 9:00 -10:00 AM
- Wednesday 2:00 -3:00 PM
- Friday 12:30 -1:30 PM

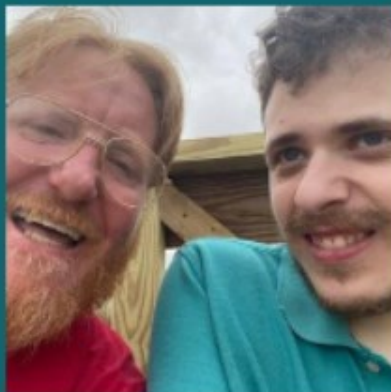
Beginning October 9, 2023, Kim will be available in her office for staff and participants to drop in and see her, ask questions about programming, pet her Australian Shepherd, Reezzy, grab a snack, or just visit about how things are going!

She invites everyone who has a concern to discuss, needs a safe place to talk, or wants to show her what cool things they have been doing to stop in and see her soon.

If you want to see her outside these hours, please call for an appointment. In case of behavioral crisis, after 5 PM weekdays, or on weekends, please call her at 402-730-3936 and leave a message. She will get back to you as soon as she can.



**DON'T MISS VALA'S ON OCT 18!**



# DHHS SHARED LIVING PROVIDER CHANGES 1/1/2024

## HOME STUDY SURVEY (Required)

- Completed to match new SLP settings with participants
- Reviewed & approved by SC, Participant and Guardian
- Due 7 days before team meeting & 14 days before move
- Uploaded to Therap–Case Note

## HOME VISITS (Required)

- Basic to High– Once a month, 2 unannounced per quarter
- Advanced to Risk– Twice a month, 4 unannounced per quarter

## HOUSEHOLD LIMITS (Grandfathered)

- Basic to High–2 state funded individuals
- Advanced to Risk–1 state funded individual

## STAFFING LIMITS (Grandfathered)

- Advanced to Risk–no more than 1:1 staffing
- Advanced to Risk–no awake overnight staffing

## SLP SUPERVISION (Grandfathered)

- Advanced to Risk–Two contracted SLPs must live in the home full time and be available during residential service hours
- Another adult must live in the home full time when the SLP has children under 13 years old

## USPS ADDRESS (Grandfathered)

- No separate basement apartments, garage apartments, or apartments not fully integrated to the home

## LEASE AGREEMENT (Required)

- Signed by participant or guardian
- Uploaded to Therap–Case Note

## BACKUP STAFF & SUPPORT STAFF (Required)

- Deliver same services as SLP
- Chosen by participant & listed in the ISP
- Document hours with records available

## SLP BACKUP PLANS (Required)

- Must meet historical and future needs
- 24/7 assistance from agency provider

## DAY SUPPORT LIMITS (Required)

- No SLP or adult living in the home can provide day supports, except for students

**SMILE, IT'S CONTAGIOUS! 😊**



SMILES  
FROM  
RON



SMILES  
FROM  
HEIDI



SMILES  
FROM  
RYLEE & RYAN



SMILES  
FROM  
DEREK



# BE INFORMED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Who Ya  
Gonna  
Call?** 

## **DAVE, CEO**

Financial Operations - Payroll  
Contracts - Legal Oversight  
Executive Team Oversight  
DHHS Service Reviews

## **LINDA, EVP Administration**

Administrative Oversight  
Social Security Benefits  
Service Authorizations  
Guardianships  
A&D Waiver

## **PIERRE, EVP Operations**

Daily Operations - Behavior Crisis  
Participant & Staff Referrals  
Complaints - Investigations  
SLP Coordination  
Meetings

## **CORALIE, EVP Compliance**

Regulation - Policy - Compliance  
Pharmacy Issues - Assists Sonya  
ICAP - Person Specific Training  
GERs - Targeted Analysis  
QA/QI

## **CHERYL, Human Resources Manager**

Attendance - Paystubs - Benefits  
Applications - Staff Records  
CPR, FA, 180 Day Training  
Day Staff Coordination  
Assists Dave

## **MAKAELA, Program Coordinator**

SLP Site Assessments - Community Events  
Mandt, Orientation, Therap Training  
Program Outcomes & Updates  
Missing Documentation  
Assists Pierre & Coralie

## **PAIGE, Administrative Assistant**

Attendance & Assists Linda & Cheryl  
Payee and Petty Cash Reporting  
Individual Therap Records  
HLRC Rights Restrictions  
ABLED Apparel Orders

## **KIM, Clinical Director**

Safety Plan Behavior Risks Training  
Exception Funding Requests  
Behavior Crisis  
FBAs - BSPs  
Meetings

## **SONYA, Nurse**

Med Aide & Medical Protocol Training  
Safety Plan Medical Risks Training  
Appointments Forms - Dr Orders  
Health Questions  
MAR Updates

# NEVER STOP HAVING FUN!



LET'S  
GO  
BANANAS



PAINT  
YOURSELF  
SILLY



GOOFY  
OR  
SPOOKY



WET  
AND  
WILD





# Galatians 2:20



The statement "Christ lives in me" holds profound theological significance. When we are born again, we become united with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection. Understanding our union with Jesus eliminates the need to rebuild the old system of law-keeping. We have been made right with God.

We identify with Him and live as He does, which means we live for God. Our old selves—full of rebellion, sin, and unbelief—died with Christ, who paid the penalty for our sins on the cross.

Moreover, the Holy Spirit, sent by the Son, dwells within us. It is through the Spirit's supernatural connection that we are bound to Christ. Our lives are no longer lived for ourselves; instead, we follow Christ under the influence of the Spirit, bringing glory to the Father.

Our identity in Christ also carries personal implications. Believing that Christ lives in us means we represent Him here on earth, imperfect though we may be. The expected result is a transformed lifestyle, thoughts, desires, character, and goals. Even the way we approach daily activities should change.

The challenges we face, the persecution, trials, hardship, and suffering we endure, serve to pour out the all-surpassing power of God and reveal the life of Jesus Christ to those around us. We can rest assured that we will not be overcome in all these afflictions.

We are saved when we confess Jesus as Lord and believe in our hearts that God has raised Him from the dead. After that we enter a transformative relationship with Jesus, affecting every aspect of our lives. We become His students, learning and applying His teachings. We love what He loves and hate what He hates. With Christ in us, we spread the good news of salvation through Jesus to a lost and dying world.