**SHARED LIVING AGREEMENT TEMPLATE**

Social worker or probation officer may provide guidance to assist caregiver and young adult with completing SLA, or young adult and caregiver may choose to complete SLA on their own.

**Section 1: Mentoring/Skills/Interests**

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| **Areas in which young adult wants to gain skills/resources:** | **Caregiver plan to provide assistance (*may include referrals to other resources)*:** |
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**Section 2: Health and Safety Concerns**

Is there anything regarding medication or health that the caregiver needs to know about the young adult in case of an emergency (including allergies to foods or medications)?

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**Section 3: Household Agreements and Customs**

Each category below should be discussed if applicable. The questions in each box are designed as a guide for each conversation. The empty box below each section can be used to record what is decided upon. There are blank sections at the bottom to add additional topics of discussion.

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| **Check-in / curfew / schedules:** | How often do young adult & caregiver need to check in with one another? | Does young adult have a curfew? If yes, what is it and does it vary on the weekends? | How will communication take place about schedules, including when the young adult or caregiver will be away overnight? |
| Agreement: |
| **Noise:** | Is there a noise curfew? | What volume is appropriate for music or television? | Other discussion? |
| Agreement: |
| **Language:** | Is swearing allowed? | Are certain forms of language off-limits (e.g. name calling) | Other discussion? |
| Agreement: |
| **Cigarette smoking:** | Is smoking allowed inside? | Is smoking allowed near or around house? | Other discussion? |
| Agreement: |
| **Guests:** | Is young adult allowed to have daytime guests? Of either gender? During what hours? | Is young adult allowed to have overnight guests? Of either gender? Where will they be expected to sleep? | Is young adult allowed to have small gatherings of a group of guests? How many at once? Is young adult allowed to have parties?  |
| Agreement: |
| **Shared items:** | Is young adult allowed to use caregiver’s car (if applicable)? Rules? | Discussion about use of kitchen appliances, laundry facilities, etc.? | What are the consequences for breaking or damaging items? |
| Agreement: |
| **Shared space:** | Will young adult and caregiver be sharing a bathroom? Shower schedule? | Is there a curfew for using the kitchen? | What level of cleanliness is agreed upon for shared space? |
| Agreement: |
| **Shared activities:** | Will young adult and caregiver have meals together? If so, how often? | Will young adult and caregiver be spending holidays together?  | Other joint activities? |
| Agreement: |
| **TV / computer / video games:** | Are there rules about when TV can be on? | Are there any rules around use of shared computers?  | Are there rules about playing video games?  |
| Agreement: |
| **Furnishing / decorating:** | Are there any restrictions on decoration of the young adult’s bedroom?  | Can young adult add to furnishing or decorations in common areas?  | e.g. painting walls, hanging things, waterbeds, etc. |
| Agreement: |
| **Privacy:** | Privacy requests on behalf of young adult? | Privacy requests on behalf of caregiver? | e.g. “knock before entering room”, “please do not enter room while I’m not home” |
| Agreement: |
| **Regular communication:** | How will young adult and caregiver regularly communicate? House meeting? | Other discussion? |
| Agreement: |
| **Other** **areas of** **discussion:** |
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**Section 4: Household Chores and Responsibilities**

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| **Household chore/responsibility:**(e.g. doing dishes, cooking, laundry, grocery shopping, yard work, pet care) | **Who is responsible:** (e.g. “young adult”, “caregiver”, “we’ll switch off”, “each responsible for own”) | **When/how often:**(e.g. “monthly”, “weekly”, “as needed”) |
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**Section 5: Attendance and Performance at School and or Work**

Does caregiver have expectations for young adult’s school or work, including performance and schedule?

Does young adult desire/need tutoring or any other type of assistance in meeting school or work goals?

**Section 6: Financial**

Who is directly receiving foster care benefit? **🞎** NMD **🞎** Caregiver **🞎** Other **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Is young adult paying rent? **🞎** Yes **🞎** No Rent amount: $\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is young adult paying any bills (or portions of)? **🞎** Yes (list below) **🞎** No

**List bills: Approx. amount: Notes:**

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If benefit is going directly to NMD, how will caregiver receive his/her monthly rent/bills?

If benefit is going directly to caregiver, how will young adult receive monthly spending money, and how much?

**Section 7: Drugs and Alcohol**

What are caregiver’s expectations regarding alcohol and drug use (both in and out of the home)?

What are the consequences for violation of these expectations?

**Section 8: Conflict Resolution**

Should a disagreement occur, what is the first step caregiver and young adult wish to take to resolve? *(e.g. caregiver and young adult discuss conflict)*

Should step one fail to resolve conflict, what is the second step caregiver and young adult wish to take to resolve? *(e.g. young adult and caregiver meet individually and/or together with social worker/probation officer /case manager/outside counselor)*

How will violations of this agreement be addressed?

Date which agreement will be reviewed and/or modified: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Other notes:**

**Non-Minor Dependent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Caretaker Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**