

ANCOR, NASDDDS, NASUAD Release Model Shared Living Contract

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The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) is pleased to announce that it has developed, in collaboration with the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) and the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), a model shared living contract designed to be used as a template by providers entering into certain shared living arrangements, often called adult foster care or host homes.

“This model contract will help providers and people receiving services to navigate the new Department of Labor home care rule and shared living guidance,” Barbara Merrill, CEO of ANCOR said. “We are thrilled to offer the template for free to the public, as our contribution to this important sustainable service delivery model.”

The model contract was developed with the assistance of attorneys at Petruccelli Martin & Haddow, LLP, a Maine law firm, utilizing general principles of contract law without regard to the specific requirements of local law in different State jurisdictions. **The model contract should not be used without consulting local attorneys familiar with all applicable laws and regulations in the location where the contract will be performed.**

Additionally, the model contract was developed in large part from contracts that ANCOR member providers generously shared. These same providers, The Chimes, The MENTOR Network, Keystone Human Services, and Dungarvin, were also instrumental in working with the Department of Labor in its development of shared living guidance.

“We want to again thank the Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division for working with our organizations since the final rule was announced,” said Nancy Thaler, Executive Director of NASDDDS. “We appreciate the DOL’s commitment to preserving innovative service delivery models that will permit more people with disabilities to live in the community.”

Martha Roherty, Executive Director of NASUAD, added, “As the demand for services provided in home and community based settings rises as the aging population increases, the use of shared living models will need to increase as well. This model contract will help more providers and people served explore innovative options to help ensure that the right solutions are in place based on needs.”

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The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) is a national, nonprofit trade association representing more than 800 private community providers of services to people

with disabilities. Combined, ANCOR serves over 400,000 individuals with disabilities and work to shape policy, share solutions, and strengthen community.

The National Association of States Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) represents the nation's agencies in 50 states and the District of Columbia providing services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. NASDDDS promotes visionary leadership, systems innovation, and the development of national policies that support home and community-based services for individuals with disabilities and their families.

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) represents the nation's 56 state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities and supports visionary state leadership, the advancement of state systems innovation and the articulation of national policies that support home and community based services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.