

Housing Initiative Partnership ~ Home Sharing Program

MONTGOMERY COUNTY



What is Home Sharing?

An **innovative** idea where homeowners offer spare rooms, or Accessory Dwelling Units in their home for rent to home seekers searching for **affordable, healthy and safe housing** for longer than six months.

HIP's Montgomery County Home Sharing Program is supported by Montgomery County's Department of Health & Human Services, and offers **free access to the Silvernest online platform**, which provides background checks, lease creators, automated rent payments, and homesharing insurance. No rental subsidies will be offered by the county as part of this program.



Montgomery County Home Sharing
offers a way to have a more comfortable life.

<https://HIPhomes.org/Home-Sharing>

Benefits of Home Sharing

- Increases sense of security and reduces social isolation while aging in place
- Creates a new source of monthly income for homeowners
- Locates and screens compatible housemates, including the option to share light housekeeping chores or assistance with errands in exchange for reduced rent
- Creates an alternative affordable housing option in an expensive rental market
- Strengthens neighborhoods and builds community by offering an efficient use of existing housing stock that helps people remain in their homes, or find more affordable housing selections



How HIP Can Help

Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. is a private, green nonprofit housing developer and HUD-approved counseling agency dedicated to revitalizing neighborhoods. HIP has offices in Germantown and Gaithersburg.

HIP's certified housing counselors can increase the likelihood of a successful **long-term match** by employing a thoughtful process that reviews the clients' preferences, needs, rights and responsibilities as homeowners and renters.