

2.3 LIFE SHARING NETWORK ACCESS

OVERVIEW

The Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion advocates for fair and consistent access to services and supports offered by the organization. The Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion supports infants, children, youth, adults, and families based on their identified needs, choices, and expectations of service. Services and supports must clearly identify and communicate the type of service offered and the individuals who are eligible for the service. Each program/service maintains eligibility criteria to identify the individuals who qualify for support and/or service.

PROCEDURE

When a referral for service comes from an existing funding source (Community Living BC or the Ministry for Child & Family Development), the wait list for Life Sharing Network or respite services is managed in an agreement between the funding source and the Manager or Assistant Manager of the Life Sharing Network.

When a referral is received outside of an existing funding source (i.e. self/family referral, individualized funding), the Manager of Life Sharing Network will be responsible for the development of the new requested service for the Life Sharing Network services.

GUIDELINES

Criteria for Family-Care Services

- > Adults – age 19 and above
- > Children – age 0-18
- > Formally diagnosed with a developmental disability (exceptions may be made in certain circumstances)
- > Meets eligibility criteria of funding referral source (Community Living BC or Ministry for Children and Family Development)
- > Based on intake assessment, the individual's well-being will be improved by participating in the service, support, or program
- > The program is suitable and capable of meeting the individual's needs
- > Life Sharing Network services is the most appropriate service available
- > The urgency of the need of the person may also be considered