Four Winds Community

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Information for Parents and Guardians Lifesharing Program Admission Process

Four Winds Community is an integrated lifesharing community for and with persons who may be impaired by developmental disabilities or have other special needs. Applicants for admission must be at least 18 years of age, physically well enough not to require continuous medical supervision, and able to take care of basic needs such as personal hygiene and dressing.

No person will be discriminated against in admission or placement in any Four Winds Community program by reason of age, gender, religion, race, or national origin.

Consideration for admission to the lifesharing program is a five-step process:

- 1. Please call us to arrange an informal tour—with your child or ward, if possible—while our daily routine is in progress. After the tour, if you are interested in exploring the possibility of a residential placement here, we will give you our application materials.
- 2. Please return the completed application to Four Winds Community along with (a) complete records of previous schooling plus vocational and therapeutic programs attended, including progress reports; (b) a complete medical history; and (c) a processing fee of \$50.
- 3. When we have received your completed application we will schedule an admission interview. This interview is an opportunity for you and the Admissions Committee to have an in-depth discussion of the Four Winds Community program and of your child's educational, vocational, and therapeutic background and needs.
- 4. If the admission interview is successful from both your perspective and ours, we will arrange a mutually convenient, four-week trial visit for your child. At the conclusion of this trial visit, we may ask you to meet with everyone in the lifesharing household your child might be joining.
- 5. Following the trial visit, the Admissions Committee will send you a letter indicating whether or not your child has been accepted for admission. An acceptance letter will be accompanied by an admission agreement. To ensure that a placement will be held open for your child, the admission agreement must be signed and returned to Four Winds Community along with a nonrefundable deposit.

To schedule a tour and begin the admission process, please call Astrid and Paul Martin at (603) 878–2325.