**What Is the EHCA Difference?**

We believe it’s our ongoing story of compassion in action. EHCA provides homes, services, and support to individuals who are faced with some of life’s most challenging developmental and intellectual disabilities. We respect everyone as unique and inspiring people and provide them with the high-quality, individualized care that they deserve.

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**Erie Homes For Children & Adults**

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*A life full of hope, promise, and care.*
Since its founding over a century ago, Erie Homes for Children and Adults (EHCA) has committed itself to providing exceptional care and services for the region’s most vulnerable residents by focusing on possibilities instead of disabilities and expanding opportunities for individual enrichment and growth.

EHCA provides homes, services and care to individuals with all levels of disability. This includes serving individuals with complex physical disabilities and those who are considered medically fragile. EHCA’s vision affirms that every individual with disabilities should have the opportunity to make choices, to contribute to his or her own daily lifestyle, to obtain the best education and training available, and to enjoy a home atmosphere with quality caregivers. This vision of empowering each person placed in its care is at the heart of every EHCA program and supportive service.

In addition to group residences, EHCA provides a licensed adult day program, community programs, maternal and family services, and a lifesharing program.

**Lifesharing**

Lifesharing provides a home alternative for families needing to place their loved one in surrogate care.

This EHCA program carefully matches a person who needs supervised living with a family that is paid to provide ongoing care in their home. Individuals receive daily life skills instruction, therapies, if needed, and opportunities to become a part of their community. They grow and thrive in a home environment as part of a caring family. Lifesharing providers offer not just a place to live, but full family participation and community inclusion. They find their own lives enriched by caring for individuals with disabilities in their homes.

Lifesharing providers do not replace or supersede the participant’s biological family. Lifesharing opens the door to new and enriching relationships with the provider family while maintaining family ties. When family members cannot care for a loved one at home, but aren’t sure a group residence is the right choice, Lifesharing is a secure and life-enhancing option.

Provider families must meet strict criteria and undergo an intensive screening process before being considered. EHCA provides outside support and access to a Lifesharing specialist.

Contact EHCA to learn more about Lifesharing’s family home alternative or to learn more about how to become a Lifesharing provider.

*The mission of EHCA is to assist people with disabilities to live rich and fulfilling lives.*