

- How will needed household items and furniture be bought? Who is responsible for what? (pans, small appliances, vacuum cleaner, cooking utensils, shower curtains etc.) Are they jointly owned? If so, how is it handled when someone leaves?
- How will food be paid for/ prepared? Food /menus to address individual preferences?
- Will personal care items such as shampoo or soap be a shared cost or individually bought? If shared, how will they be purchased?
- Discuss how to handle disagreements. Who will assist if help is needed resolving conflicts?
- Discuss the need for house rules. How would they be changed?
- Discuss what will happen if one person wants to move out. Remember; once a lease is signed there is a legal responsibility to pay rent until the end of the lease even if you move out.

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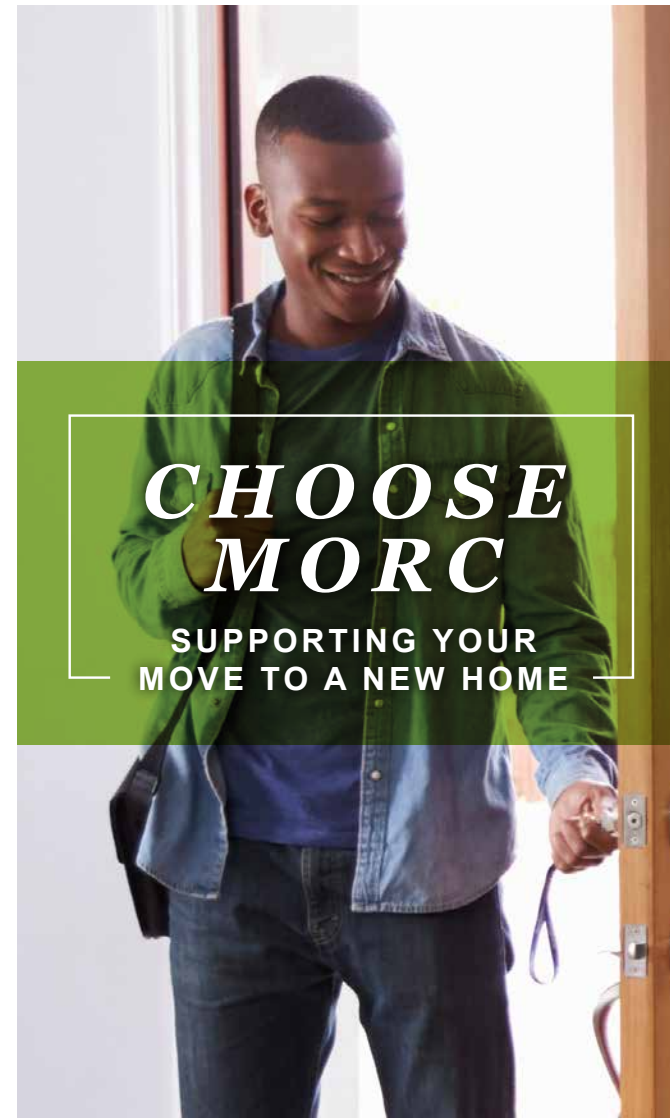
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ROOMMATES

Roommates are a great way to build friendships, have additional supports and share expenses. However, to be successful, roommates must be able to compromise and be considerate of each other. Here is a checklist of things to think about when choosing to live with one or more roommates. It is a best practice to put agreed upon items in writing so there are no misunderstandings.

- Select your new home together.
- Select your provider/staff together.
- Discuss how household responsibilities and chores will be met.
- Discuss expected considerations when there are planned or unplanned visits by family or friends.
- Discuss how household repairs will be addressed if not covered by the lease.
- Discuss finances for the household.
 - How will bills such as rent and utilities be shared and paid?



YOUR NEW HOME

You have made the exciting decision to explore moving! This could be out of your family home into your own place for the first time or just moving into a different home. To be successful, it takes a lot of planning and MORC is here to help!

HOW MORC CAN SUPPORT YOU IN MOVING TO A NEW HOME

- Help you develop a person centered plan to work on achieving your dream.
- Help you determine your ability to afford living arrangements.
- Help you identify natural and community supports.
- Inform you about the supports the public mental health system can provide.
- Help you find potential roommates to share services and expenses.

- Help you connect with potential service providers and other community resources to set up your household.
- Help you use Medicaid funds in the most cost effective manner. Your choice may be limited based on this responsibility. An example is that if a paid caregiver must be with you all the time, MORC may require that you have roommates to help share that expense.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

While MORC is here to help, once in your new home it is your responsibility to make it work. Here are some important things to think about to ensure a successful move.

- Decide what's best for you among the many living arrangements available.

- If you rent, you or someone acting on your behalf must sign a lease. This is a legal document that lists the responsibilities of both you and your landlord. Read carefully before signing. Get legal help if needed.
- Think about initial expenses such as moving expenses, security deposits, first month rent, and household items and how they will be paid for.
- Determine how on-going living expenses such as monthly rent, utilities, phone, food, and clothing will be paid for.
- Select provider/staff needed to provide medically necessary services identified through the person centered planning process.
- Identify how/if natural supports will be used to help you succeed.
- Select roommates if desired or if 24 hour paid supports are medically necessary.