

*Community Care, Inc. is seeking interested providers to work with Community Care, Inc. to create a supportive environment and meaningful life experiences for individuals. If your agency has interest in learning more about the following member and conduct an assessment please send an interest email to [contractinquiries@communitycareinc.org](mailto:contractinquiries@communitycareinc.org)*

If you are not already a contracted provider, you will need to ensure you can meet all our requirements prior to contract consideration. Please refer to the "Join-our-Network" section on our website <http://www.communitycareinc.org/providers/join-our-network>

### **Member Profile:**

Member is a 25 year old female who currently lives at home with her parents. Member's parents are seeking a long-term residential placement for their daughter, preferably within two hours of Burlington. However, other areas outside of this will be considered. Member is accustomed to regular interaction and stimulation throughout the day and currently attends day programming for up to 5 days per week.

Member is total care and needs complete assistance with all ADL's and IADL's. Member has no effective communication and can not make her needs known. She is non-verbal, but displays intentional communication through body movements, facial expressions, eye gazes, member specific gestures and intonations. She has no aggressive behaviors and accepts cares. Member is tube fed (7 times daily) and receives all medications via her G tube. She has a bowel program (daily suppositories, anal stretch 2xs weekly and weekly enemas.) Member is on liquid oxygen at two liters per nasal cannula while awake. Member uses a tilt in space shower chair. Member wears bilateral AFO splints. Member has soft sided bedrails at home. Member's pulse oximetry is checked as needed. She also requires oral suctioning on at least a weekly basis.

Activities she enjoys are time on her swing; taking walks in the neighborhood, music, being read to with animation, playing certain games (like shaking dice in Yahtzee), using adaptive switch toys, social settings; she is engaging and benefits most from face to face interaction. It is important the member have continued growth in communication – working on cause effect and activities to maintain her physical abilities by ambulating with assistance a minimum of 2x per day, no less than 50'. Member also requires time daily on an exercise mat for range of motion, stretching, independent rolling, as well as time on a therapy ball.

### **Staffing Requirements:**

- Awake staff is required for all shifts, with a low staff to client ratio, meaning least 1 staff to 4 members, potentially more during times of activity.
- Member will require a facility to either employ an RN or contract with an agency for nursing tasks and for on-call nursing availability. RNs should be experienced in medication management, G tubes, oxygen, bowel programs and have experience with persons who are developmentally disabled.
- Member will need staff that can perform ongoing assessments, have a willingness to learn and understand the meaning of the member's verbalizations and understand when to reach out to the RN.

### **Environmental Modifications/Requirements:**

- Wheelchair accessible with two exits
- Must be able to accommodate liquid oxygen tanks in home
- Private bedroom with ceiling fan
- Due to light sensitivity, requires the following:
  - All windows in the home modified with room darkening blinds and/or window film to reduce/eliminate natural light from penetrating
  - All main living areas (bathroom, kitchen, living room, etc.) and member's room to have dimmer switches to regulate interior lighting;
- Accessible bathroom with properly sized roll-in shower to fit tilt in space shower chair, leaving enough extra room so member's flailing body parts are not injured; grab bars, adaptable commode to accommodate member's small build (soft toilet insert, arm rails, back/feet support (or foot rest); separate tub for play activities;
- Bed – raised standard twin bed. Would like to discuss the need for full electric bed with pressure reducing mattress with raised edges and egress areas.

### **Additional needs:**

- Transportation vehicle property outfitted with platform lift, tie downs, shoulder harness, tinted windows and placement positions to accommodate member's wheelchair and need to not be in direct sunlight.

- Parents would prefer member continue to participate in a day program that meets her needs and allows community outings at least 2-3 times weekly and the opportunity for socialization and ongoing activities during the day.