



Dear Shared Living Providers,

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**I am pleased that I finally got to meet most of you at the recent SLP trainings!**

This letter is in regards to another training that you have to take every two years: The CPR/First Aid certifications.

The training is designed by the American Red Cross. **The Red Cross recognizes that some people may have trouble with the floor part of CPR. To help out, you can pass only doing one complete round of CPR on the floor. BUT, they not will allow CPR to be done on a table.**

Even if you could do CPR on the floor to save a life – even if it meant hurting yourself -- the CPR trainers can't create a life or death situation. And they don't want anyone to hurt themselves, so **they have to enforce the Red Cross standard.**

We realize it is serious if a Shared Living Provider is unable to get their CPR/First Aid certification. Without the certification a person can no longer be a Shared Living Provider, which means clients will have to move out (many of whom have been in your home for a long time), and a loss of income for the provider. This is stressful! BUT please be professional when you are at the training, and know the trainers are just doing their job.

**If any of you are worried you can't do the floor portion of the CPR certification training, please contact me prior to the training, so we can discuss it. [lpantner@hcrs.org](mailto:lpantner@hcrs.org) or 802-952-3936.**

Thank you for your dedication to our clients ~

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