Interview Questions for Live-in Aides & Housemates

1. Have you served as a live-in aide before? What did you like/dislike about that experience?

2. If you have not served as a live-in aide, describe the kinds of work you have done that involve similar activities.

3. As my live-in aide, you will live in my apartment to provide care and supports I need to live in my own home. Are you willing and/or able to move out of your current home and move into my apartment to serve as my live-in aide?

4. Ask situation-specific questions related to the support you need from the live-in aide: I need support from a live-in aide for (safety, assistance with chores/cooking, overnights, companionship, etc.). Tell me about a time you have provided this assistance to a person with a disability. What did you learn from this experience?

5. Here is a calendar that shows the times of the week I need specific supports from a live-in aide. Are there any times I need support when you would not be available?

6. Live-in aides who live in housing funded with rental assistance must be approved by the rental assistance program. In order to be approved, you must submit your birth certificate, SSI card, and government issued ID, and you must pass a criminal background check. Is there any reason you might not be approved by the rental assistance program?

7. Are you certified in CPR and first aid? What other training and certifications do you have?

8. How often, if ever, do you smoke at home? Drink at home? Do drugs at home?

9. Do you like the apartment temperature more on the chilly or warm side?

10. Do you have any food allergies?

11. What time do you wake up and go to bed?

12. What do you do during weekdays? What do you like to do on weekends?

13. What are your expectations if I choose you to be my live-in aide?

14. How do you like to get feedback and suggestions?

15. Do you have any pets? Plans to get any pets?

16. Do you have references? Ask for phone numbers and email addresses.

17. Is there anything else I should know?