Living Together: Questions for the Older Adult

*These questions can help you think about the practical and emotional consequences of moving into the home of a family member, or having them move in with you. It is important to discuss your needs and concerns with your family, as openly and honestly as you can.*

**Consider your relationship with your child or family member:**

- Have there been past conflicts? [ ] [ ]
- If so, have they been resolved? [ ] [ ]
- Has the relationship been one of openness and honesty? [ ] [ ]
- Do you have a way of sorting out differences? [ ] [ ]
- What is the status of your relationship today? 

**Consider what your new living conditions will be:**

- Is there enough room in the home for everyone to have privacy? [ ] [ ]
- Will a move displace someone else? [ ] [ ]
- If yes, have you talked about this? [ ] [ ]
- Do you have specific needs that may require changes? [ ] [ ]
- If yes, what will it cost and who will pay for it?

**Consider how much care you currently need:**

- Will your child or family member be able to meet your needs? [ ] [ ]
- Have you talked about long-term care arrangements? [ ] [ ]
- What will happen if more care is needed?

**Consider the relationships of those in this home prior to the possible move:**

- Do the adult members of the household currently work? [ ] [ ]
- Can spouses or partners in the household withstand less private time? [ ] [ ]
- Do any of their children live with them? [ ] [ ]
- If so, can any of these children assist you if needed? [ ] [ ]
- Do you know how other family members feel about this move? [ ] [ ]
- Is anyone going to be resentful or unhappy? [ ] [ ]
- Are you prepared to deal with those issues? [ ] [ ]
- Will you be comfortable with the rules of the new household? [ ] [ ]

**Do you have any thoughts or concerns about combining these households?**

**How will you decide whether you or they need to seek other living arrangements?**

**Will you or they be able to find other living arrangements if this situation does not work out?**

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