

Examples of Program Ideas from the Spring 2021 Bringing Respite to Your Community Workshop

Historical Farm Respite

PROGRAM EXPANSION/ NEW PROGRAM MODEL
Western Wisconsin

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SERVICES CHANGING DUE TO COVID

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the owners had two Adult Family Homes located on their organic farm. The pandemic hit the staff hard, and both houses are currently operating at half capacity. This provides an opportunity to explore a change in their program.

RESPITE PROGRAM IDEA GOING FORWARD

There will still be one adult family home, and the second house will become a dementia care center, providing day services for individuals living with dementia. This location is unique as it is considered a historic farm, as all equipment used is over 50 years old. This is a perfect setting to provide services for elderly individuals. They would also like to expand to include transportation services, meals, and companionship.

Underserved Populations: Rural Communities



Meyer's Miracle Meadows

EXPANDING RESPITE PROGRAMS
Northeastern Wisconsin

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CREATING OUTDOOR RESPITE SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

The current program includes serving children ages 4 through 17 years with disabilities in the provider's home (day time hours over the week, overnight care on weekends). They also provide emergency respite in her home when needed.

NEW RESPITE PROGRAM IDEA

This summer, Meyer's Miracle Meadows is offering new summer programming options: Garden Camps. Using a family farm, there will be 3 respite camps, ages 4-11, ages 12-17, and ages 18-22. CLTS Waiver funding will be the primary payment source of camp fees. Seasonal staff will be hired to support the participants throughout the summer.

Underserved Populations: Rural Communities



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Impact Health LLC

Providing Special Care to Children with Special Needs

NEW PROGRAM OPENING SOON
Southeastern Wisconsin

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PROVIDING RESPITE CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH HIGH MEDICAL NEEDS

The Impact Health Respite Program will provide community-based respite in a home-like setting for children ages 6 months through 6 years old with disabilities or medically fragile. The respite program will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm and on weekends as needed. Impact Health is anticipating serving three children on-site at one time.

FUTURE PROGRAM GROWTH

Impact Health would like to become a foster home to provide overnight respite care. A partnership with area nursing programs for internships is likely because of the owner's credentials as an advanced registered nurse.

Underserved Populations: African American Communities, Low-Income



Transitional Skills Respite

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USING A SOCIAL SETTING TO PROMOTE SKILLS

This respite program will be in a community-based, home-like setting and will focus on transitional and daily skills for teens ages 12 through 18. Starting, this program will serve small groups for four hours a month. This program is hoping to create a community partnership with an existing agency to serve this population best.

FUTURE PROGRAM GROWTH

This program looks to grow into a weekly program, allowing small groups of teens to focus on social skills, transitional activities, and daily living skills. CLTS waiver funding will be the primary source of funding.

Underserved Populations: Rural Communities



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Living Well Partners

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BUILDING A COMMUNITY RESPITE PROGRAM

Living Well Partners will be providing day services, including respite care, for individuals living with dementia in a community setting. The program will be open Monday through Friday from 8 am - 5 pm. Up to 10 individuals will be able to attend at one time. Currently providing respite in client's homes, Living Well Partners has a great base of experience to build on.

NEXT STEPS

Living Well Partners hopes to find a rental space that would have the ability to create pods to serve this population best. Along with paid staff, there is a home to use volunteers and interns to provide activity support.

Populations Served: Individuals with Dementia



Grace to Keep Pace LLC

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PROVIDING RESPITE SERVICES AND OTHER NEEDED RESOURCES TO FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Grace to Keep Pace is planning to build a respite program for families in crisis, serving children ages birth through 12 years old. They will be offering care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in a community-based, home-like setting.

MORE THAN RESPITE

Along with providing respite care, Grace to Keep Pace will also provide resources for families, counseling, personal development, household essentials, child resource programs, family involvement nights, homework help, personal cares (such as bathing) if needed, and life skill instruction.

Underserved Populations: Families in Crisis



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Horizon Reliable Community Care

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PROVIDING OVERNIGHT RESPITE SERVICES

Horizon Reliable Community Care will be opening a three-bed adult family home, with two of the beds reserved for overnight respite care. Individuals ages 18 through 58 with dementia or that are in crisis will be able to stay for respite care.

ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT

Volunteers and paid staff will support the respite program. Paid staff will include nursing staff and nutritionists. Activities at home will be offered throughout the day, with fun days planned throughout the month.

Populations: Adults with disabilities



Our Redeemer Luthern

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PROVIDING RESPITE SERVICES USING VOLUNTEERS IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Our Redeemer Luthern Church will be offering volunteer-based respite services to individuals across the lifespan. The two populations they will be focusing on first are the homebound individuals and the foster families that they support. Respite will take place in the homes of the individuals being served.

NEXT STEPS

This respite program will use volunteers, and the church staff will provide oversight. The church is currently doing a needs assessment and finding out initial interest in a respite program for their members.

Populations: Faith-based respite, foster families, elderly



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ROARS

Recognizing Outstanding Attributes Respite Services

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RESPITE AFTER SCHOOL, SUMMER AND SATURDAY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

ROARS is in the early planning stages and is inspired by the owner's son, who has multiple disabilities, including autism. ROARS will offer after-school hours, summer day services, and reduced Saturday hours for up to 20 children ages 6 through 18 years old.

PROGRAM DREAMS

ROARS will be located on a family farm after a new youth center has been built. The center would include an outside courtyard area in the middle of the center to be covered, a secured building, access to outdoor programming, stables, and community outings. Other services could be offered, such as therapy, communication development, and social skills.

Underserved Populations: Rural



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