



LESLIE THEDE

PROGRAM MANAGER



RCAW
Respite Care Association
of Wisconsin

Leslie's role at RCAW involves managing information and referrals, maintaining the Wisconsin Respite Registry, and overseeing the highly regarded Caregiver Respite Grant Program (CRGP). Additionally, she represents RCAW on various committees, ensuring the organization's voice is heard and its mission is advanced.

PROFILE

Leslie's passion for people has driven her to embrace a variety of roles in the service industry, where she has worked with individuals of all ages. With a strong focus on building relationships and enhancing communication, she has successfully led teams while prioritizing both regulatory compliance and person-centered care. Her commitment to improving the quality of life for others has always been at the forefront of her work.

While facilitating Parkinson's support groups, Leslie witnessed the profound burnout experienced by primary caregivers, which ignited her dedication as a fierce advocate for those in need of respite care. Her love for the service industry was sparked during her time as a Life Enrichment Coordinator at a senior living facility, a role that resonated deeply with her personal experiences growing up in a skilled nursing facility alongside her grandmother, who had Alzheimer's Disease.

Leslie is also a proud mother of two young children, who bring her immense joy. As a mental health advocate, she is passionate about promoting the benefits of respite care. In her free time, Leslie enjoys traveling, hiking, and practicing yoga, embracing every opportunity for personal growth and connection with nature.

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Interpersonal Skills
- Conflict Management
- Decision Making
- Project Leadership
- Building Relationships
- Developing Others

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