

COST & SERVICE AREAS

This program is FREE to families enrolled in the program. Guidelines for participation include being a resident of South Suburban Cook County, Northern Will and the Mt. Greenwood, Beverly and Morgan Park neighborhoods in Chicago.

ABOUT US

Good Shepherd Center was founded in 1963 as a school for children with disabilities and their families. We were a pioneer in serving children at that time, as educational/therapy programs were rare for young children in their first critical five years of life.

Since that time, the agency has evolved into a multi-service agency now serving children and adults with and without disabilities as well as their families.

Good Shepherd Center is a 501 (c) (3) organization

MISSION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd Center, a community advocate for children and adults, with and without disabilities, provides support, service and education that empower individuals and families to lead exceptional lives.



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IN-HOME CARE Respite Office

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*for your child
with special needs*



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IN-HOME CARE RESPITE PROGRAM

Experience ~ Caring ~ Trust

Good Shepherd Center's *In-Home Respite Services Program* provides short-term, intermittent care for persons with a diagnosis of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, or intellectual / developmental disabilities in their natural, guardian, or foster family home.

Trained, professional respite staff offer care for individuals of any age with qualifying diagnosis. Siblings under the age of 18 are included in services. The objective of the program is to provide temporary relief for the primary caregiver, while maintaining the needs of the child in the family home, rather than a more restrictive long-term out of home placement.

For more information on qualifications or to register for services, please call

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"Being a caregiver to my disabled son is very rewarding, but I would be lying if I didn't say the demands of daily care has not impacted my physical and emotional health. Families like mine often face unique challenges: lots of stress, grief, frustration, and profound isolation. Caring for my son who has a chronic illness is a full time job and it is easy to be overwhelmed. For a few hours, my son can remain in the comfort of our home while a highly trained respite worker cares for him. I use my time wisely to run errands, attend to his siblings needs, or just to take a night off and catch dinner with friends. I come back home recharged; because there are so many times that families like mine are burned out from all the daily tasks that go with caring for a child with a complex medical history. As you can see, respite care is vital to our family!

Marcie F.



"We have been a part of the Respite Family for the past 19 years. Whether I need to run errands, go to appointments, or just get out of the house; I have peace of mind that my son is getting the best of care. My son has formed relationships with some of the staff and looks forward to them coming and spending time with him. The Office staff and caregivers are so kind and caring, we are blessed to have this program in our lives."

Yvonne K.