

ARCH Podcast Series

Conversations in Caregiving: Exploring Innovations in Respite Care

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Speaker: Sharon Leary, Former Director, Home Away from Home Respite Program

Sharon Leary was born in Pennsylvania and received her undergraduate education at Penn State. After several years working in international education at the collegiate level and raising two children, Sharon began working in respite care in 2017. She was the coordinator of the intergenerational Home Away From Home Respite Program in Geneseo, NY, which was recognized by ARCH as an Innovative and Exemplary Program in 2021 for its creative use of college student volunteers working with senior citizens and their families dealing with memory-related illnesses. Sharon is an ambulance driver for her local volunteer fire department and lives in Geneseo with her husband, Chris, and their rescue/therapy dog, Nikita.