

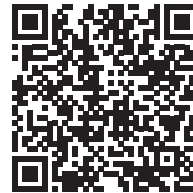
# Innovative and Exemplary Respite Services



*The ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center is proud to recognize Innovative and Exemplary Respite Services for 2024.*

*ARCH recognizes four Innovative and Exemplary respite services from across the U.S. Each respite service met a stringent set of selection criteria and all have outstanding programs that address the needs of family caregivers of children, adults or older adult family members. By recognizing exceptional respite services, ARCH hopes to encourage the*

*expansion and replication of quality respite to meet the growing need. To read more about the application and selection process, and details about each program, visit the ARCH website at [archrespite.org/provider-resources/innovative-and-exemplary-respite-services](https://archrespite.org/provider-resources/innovative-and-exemplary-respite-services).*



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## **C.H.A.I. (Caregiving Helping Aid Initiative)**

C.H.A.I. (Caregiving Helping Aid Initiative), is a Chaldean Community Foundation (CCF) program. Located in Sterling Heights, Michigan, C.H.A.I. strengthens the CCF's mission by continuing to improve the stability, health, and wellness of new Americans including refugees, immigrants, and vulnerable families. C.H.A.I. multilingual staff works to develop trust with caregivers over time. Connecting the caregiver through inclusive community supports, wrap-around social services, and ongoing education for the caring of loved ones with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, builds trust over time. Caregivers can also find self-care through social opportunities, support for individuals with dementia, wellness initiatives, recreation and a shared-respite model that continues to evolve. Website: [chaldeanfoundation.org/behavioral-health](https://chaldeanfoundation.org/behavioral-health)



### Musical Memories Café

The Musical Memories Café, located in rural West Falls, New York, and nearby communities, provides shared respite experiences for persons with Alzheimer’s Disease and dementias and their caregivers, and other physically or socially isolated adults. Musical Memories Cafés offer regularly scheduled live music with local musicians and communal meals at community venues. Strong evaluation data collected by the Musical Memories Café program shows positive outcomes including reduced caregiver stress and improved caregiver-care recipient relationships. Website: [westfallsartcenter.org/memory-cafe167513f0](http://westfallsartcenter.org/memory-cafe167513f0)

### Saint Louis Crisis Nursery

The Saint Louis Crisis Nursery has provided trauma-responsive 24/7/365 emergency respite care services for children in the Greater St. Louis, Missouri region for nearly 40 years, and has since grown to include five 24-hour Nursery locations delivering its nationally and internationally replicated child abuse and neglect prevention programming to thousands of local families annually. Core services include 24/7 crisis intervention and emergency respite care for children as well as wrap around support for families at high risk of abuse or neglect. Annually, greater than 99% of the 4,000+ children served remain free from abuse or neglect, 95% of parents report decreased stress levels, and 95% of families meet safety and stability goals. Website: [crisisnurserykids.org](http://crisisnurserykids.org)



### Will's House

Will’s House, located in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was designed to provide customized respite care, including medical needs care, short-term, long-term, and emergency respite, to support families caring for children and young adults with disabilities. Will’s House is also a specialized foster care placement for the state of Oklahoma. Will’s House, a non-profit organization, is also designed to ease the financial strain families may experience obtaining respite care by offering “pay what you can” services, but no families are turned away from services for financial reasons. Of the families using Will’s House respite services, 98% return for subsequent respite services. Website: [willshousetulsa.org](http://willshousetulsa.org)

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