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## Eleven Respite Services Retain Recognition as Innovative and Exemplary

Washington, D.C., January 16, 2026—The ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center is pleased to announce that 11 long-standing respite services from across the country were renewed for an additional five years of recognition as *Innovative and Exemplary Respite Services*.

All of these programs were initially recognized for this highest level of distinction in 2019, and first reviewed and renewed in 2022. Following an in-depth second review in 2025, the following well-established *Innovative and Exemplary Respite Services* were renewed for recognition through 2030:

- Agape Respite Care in Berne, IN
- A Rosie Place for Children, South Bend, IN
- Caregiver Respite Program at Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey, Toms River, NJ
- Child Care Aware® of America Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Respite Care, Arlington, VA (national)
- Claude Moore Precious Time, Harrisonburg, VA
- George Mark Children’s House, San Leandro, CA
- Gio’s Garden, Middleton, WI
- Providence House Crisis Respite, Cleveland, OH
- Respite Care, Inc., Fort Collins, CO
- Saint Louis Arc's Assistance with Residential Care in the Home (ARCH) Respite Program, St. Louis, MO
- Vanessa Behan Respite Services, Spokane, WA

In order to maintain this recognition, respite services must continue to meet the rigorous [selection criteria](#) for Innovative and Exemplary Respite Services established by ARCH and its national selection committee. In addition, many of these programs went beyond expectations by enhancing and expanding their services and reach; engaging in new activities to improve and document service quality; and/or shoring up their workforce.

Respite is the most frequently requested support service among the nation's 63 million family caregivers, yet 87% do not receive respite services, despite the proven benefits to caregivers and care recipients. Respite for these families can help reduce caregiver stress, improve caregiver and family health and well-being, help avoid more costly out-of-home placements, and may even help to reduce the likelihood of abuse or neglect.

By recognizing high quality respite services across the country, ARCH hopes to encourage the study, expansion and replication of such services.

For more detailed information about each program, visit the ARCH [website](#).

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The ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center (ARCH), national in scope, is a program of Families and Communities Rising in Durham, NC. ARCH assists and promotes the development of quality respite and crisis care programs; helps families locate respite and crisis care services in their communities; and serves as a strong voice for respite in all forums.

Visit [archrespite.org](http://archrespite.org) or call (703) 256-2084 for more information.

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