Summary of Community Agencies
Respite Care and Personal Care

Respite Care Providers

In Good Company
101 Nob Hill Road, Madison, WI 53713
(608) 237-7630
www.fsrdane.org

In Good Company (formerly known as the Respite Care Program) is a program that connects families to other people in our community who can provide help and support. By establishing and strengthening relationships between families and individual care providers, the program enables parents and other family members to take a break from or to receive help with their day-to-day care-giving responsibilities. Through personal connections with individual care providers as well as with new friends and allies, people with disabilities can participate more fully and positively in school, work, neighborhood, and community life.

Dane County families are eligible if they have a child or an adult living at home who meets the Dane County definition of developmental disability: a significant impairment due to autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, brain injury or similar handicapping condition.

Families interested in In Good Company can apply for services by calling our office at (608) 237-7630. The application process includes an eligibility determination by Dane County and an assessment of needs.

Respite Center
2120 Fordem Avenue, Madison, WI 53704
(608) 244-5730
www.respitecenter.org

The Respite Center provides respite and crisis child care 24 hours a day, seven days a week to parents experiencing high levels of stress. Social Workers on staff are available 24 hours a day to arrange for immediate or future child care, and provide crisis intervention and counseling to parents. Families are offered the assistance they need to resolve the crisis, stabilize, and improve their parenting.

At the Respite Center, child care staff and volunteers care for up to eight children, aged birth through fourteen years, at any given time. Care ranges from four to 72 hours per visit (four to 16 hours is most common). Child care and counseling services are arranged according to family need, children's age and behavior, staffing and available space. The Respite Center cares for an average of 12 to 15 children in a 24-hour day - 86 children a week from 50 families.

Children come to the Respite Center two ways:

1) A parent calls after hearing about the Center from a friend, co-worker, social worker, etc. Occasionally someone calls to refer a particular family. However, the parent then sets up the intake, forms the relationship with the Center staff and schedules the child care. Parents use us for well-needed breaks, crises and
emergencies. An average amount of care is three four-hour respite child care slots a month with an occasional 16 hour overnight. Emergency and crisis care are given any time we have space.

2) Dane County Department of Human Services social workers place children at the Respite Center in emergencies. In these situations, children are brought to the Center by either a social worker or the police. Average length of a stay is 16 hours, with an occasional three day stay.

Payment for services is on a sliding scale fee.

**Easter Seals**
101 Nob Hill Road, Madison, WI 53713
1-800-422-2324
www.eastersealswisconsin.com

*Weekend Sessions - Ages 3 and Up*
Keep the fun of Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp going all year ‘round! The need for respite is just as strong during the colder months as it is during the summer, so Respite Camp offers fall, winter and spring weekend sessions starting in early September. In addition, a special four-day session will be offered between Christmas and New Year’s Day. Campers will be able to take advantage of camps’ fully accessible facilities. From trick-or-treating to sledding, the activities change with the season, so Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals weekend respite always offers a new adventure!

*Summer Sessions - Ages 3 and Up (June to August)*
Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp offers 10 week long sessions June through August. The facility offers five modern cabins with bathrooms, a large dorm with 20 separate sleeping rooms, a main lodge, sensory play room, multi-purpose building, activity building and nature nook. Respite campers enjoy a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, campfires, trail rides, singing, swimming, storytelling, nature hikes, sports and campouts, all in the safe supervision of their personal counselor.

*Aspergers and High Functioning Autism Sessions - Ages 7 – 16*
Easter Seals Wisconsin Camp Wawbeek and Respite Camp have been serving children and adults with disabilities for more the 65 years. We pride ourselves in recognizing the unmet needs for respite and recreation. We specially designed a session for kids with Asperger’s Syndrome and High Functioning Autism. Campers will be paired two on one with a trained staff member who will encourage appropriate social interactions and active participation in activities. This population is unique in their needs, particularly socially and emotionally and the fun-filled session will include tons of activities that promote positive social interactions and new recreational opportunities.

*Break Away Session - Ages 3 and Up*
Although families who have members with disabilities requiring constant care cite respite as their number one need, many Easter Seals clients are unable to make the long drive to the Easter Seals Respite Camp in Wisconsin Dells. Instead, we will bring Respite Camp to you, bringing our valuable staff, expertise and equipment to the beautiful Heartwood Conference Center in Trego, WI. This new program called, Break Away Respite Camp, is for individuals with moderate to severe physical and developmental disabilities. Respite campers are matched one on one with a trained staff member. A professional camp director and registered nurse are on site 24 hours a day. Campers ages 3 and up participate in a wide range of activities including crafts and games, music and dance, hiking, and exploring nature.

**Personal Care Providers**

**Community Living Alliance**
1414 Arthur Road, Madison, WI 53714
(608) 242-8335
www.cla-madison.org
The Wisconsin Medical Assistance (MA) program offers a benefit which allows MA certified agencies to provide personal care services to consumers who choose this option. These services include personal care such as bathing and dressing, as well as some light housekeeping that is directly related to the consumers' care.

Community Living Alliance (CLA) is MA certified and offers you the choice of the Medical Assistance Personal Care (MAPC) Program when selecting your personal care provider.

Who is eligible?

- Both children and adults are eligible
- Must be a resident of Dane County
- Have a permanent physical disability, are medically stable, and can self-direct care or have a relative or guardian who is able to act on your behalf
- Will be able to live independently in the community as a result of this service
- Are eligible to receive Medical Assistance

People seeking services from CLA will need to be eligible for the Wisconsin Medical Assistance or Medicaid Program. To learn more about Wisconsin Medicaid, visit the Medicaid site. If you live in Dane County and wish to apply for Medical Assistance (Medicaid) please call the Dane County Economic Support office at 1-(608)-261-9900.

**Catalyst**

222 N Midvale Boulevard, Madison, WI 53705

(608) 238-8119

Provide in-home personal care services to children and young people with severe physical disabilities. Catalyst has personal care providers that families can use, but they also can help families find appropriate care providers. Services are funded by Medicaid.