



Additional Housing Assistance Programs and Respite Care Options From Across the Country

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HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Movin' Out, Inc.

Program Description:

Movin' Out, Inc. is a housing organization, 501 C(3), providing information and assistance, housing counseling, an individualized housing plan, and gap financing for purchase and rehabilitation to Wisconsin households with a member who has a permanent disability. The organization started in 1992 with a group of parents who wanted their children to have housing options as they moved into adulthood. Movin' Out has assisted over 700 household in purchasing housing or coordinating necessary modifications to owner-occupied homes. They provide housing subsidies and loans only to individuals and families with low income, as defined by HUD and may provide down payment assistance depending on need, eligibility and availability of funds.

Funding Source:

Public and corporate grants and individual contributions. Partnering with Bank Mutual and the Chicago Federal Home Loan Bank for low-income assistance. Other funding sources include: City of Madison Department of Planning and Development CDBG program, Dane County CDBG/HOME program, Dane County Human Services, United Way of Dane County, Wisconsin Department of Commerce Housing Cost Reduction Initiative, Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development.

Eligibility:

Persons with a permanent developmental, physical, sensory, medical or mental disability or combination of impairments. Training, information and referral and housing counseling are provided regardless of income. Targeted at first time buyers.

Collaboration:

Local and statewide organizations, lenders and realtors.

Website/ Contact info:

www.movin-out.org, Executive Director, Howard Mandeville, howard@movin-out.org

RESPIRE CARE OPTIONS

Respite Care Inc.

Program Description:

Respite Care, Inc. was founded as a non-profit organization in April of 1981, developed by parents who have children with developmental disabilities. These parents responded to their own needs, with a realization that other families were experiencing the same challenges. After a year of planning and preparation, Respite Care opened its doors in April 1982. The facility is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days per week.

The services at Respite range from infant care and before and after school care, to overnight and emergency care. They serve families throughout Larimer County who have children between the ages of birth and 21 years old, all faced with some type of developmental disability. Fees for utilizing Respite Care services are based on a sliding scale determined by gross annual family income. The facility is able to accept children on a space availability basis only. Respite Care Inc. is located at 6203 S. Lemay Avenue, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Funding Source:

See website for a list of donors, fundraising events and funding sources.

Eligibility:

Children between the ages of birth and 21 years old, all faced with some type of developmental disability in Larimer County.

Collaboration:

Respite Care Inc partners with: [United Ways of Larimer County](#), [Foothills Gateway](#), ARCH, Saturn of Fort Collins/ Markley Motors, Palmer Flowers & Design Center, The Group, Inc., Hilton Fort Collins , First National Bank of Fort Collins, [The Neenan Company](#)

Website/ Contact Info: www.respitecareinc.org

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RESPIRE CARE OPTIONS

Parca: Raji House

Program Description:

Raji House is licensed by the California Community Care Licensing to provide weekend respite during the day (9AM-6 PM) to a maximum of 15 children, ages 6-17. The home also offers overnight weekend respite for up to 6 children. Respite schedules are divided into children, pre-teen and teen groups. The home is accessible and can accommodate up to four children with wheelchairs. A wheelchair accessible van is also available for weekend outings and trips. The home provides a needed break for family members and caregivers from the challenges of raising a child with developmental disabilities. A staff ratio of 1:3 children is maintained in the program. The trained and dedicated staff creates a caring and stimulating environment for the children.

Funding Source:

Primary funding for services is from the Golden Gate Regional Center and from donations to Parca. Private pay is available for qualified families. Parca is supported by memberships, donations, Golden Gate Regional Center, San Andreas Regional Center, Regional Center of the East Bay, state and federal contracts and regular fundraising events.

Eligibility:

Unknown

Collaboration:

Parca is supported by memberships, donations, Golden Gate Regional Center, San Andreas Regional Center, Regional Center of the East Bay, state and federal contracts and regular fundraising events.

Website/ Contact Info:

www.parca.org/raji

[Cecilia Hinkston](#), Raji House Manager, and (650) 344-3652

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Coachyard Square Condominiums

Program Description:

Coachyard Square is a development of 23 new condominiums built on an infill site near downtown Madison, WI, consisting on 3 two-story structures including a "coach house" with 10 flats at the center of the site. Condo prices ranged from \$89,900 to \$154,900. Eleven of the 23 units were sold to moderate-income to very low-income households. The needs of people with disabilities were considered throughout conception and design. Buyers with disabilities could customize plans to meet their needs. Housing counseling and economic assistance was available to low-income people with disabilities. Coachyard was constructed in a quick 15 months, from the building start to the sale of the last unit, at a cost of \$2.6 million. Coachyard is a development project from Movin' Out, Inc.

Funding Source:

Conventional construction loan of \$1.65 million from Bank Mutual, \$70,000 grant from Madison Gas & Electric, and a down payment assistance to low-income home buyers from the Chicago Federal Home Loan Bank that totaled \$60,500 to 11 buyers, Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) provided \$1,000,000 in low-interest financing for income-qualified buyers, City of Madison HOME program provided \$142,000 in construction financing. Dane County Human Services Department (HUD) provided operating support to Movin' Out. US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided technical assistance funds, pass-through funds for pre-development costs.

Eligibility:

Moderate to low income

Collaboration:

Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development and Movin' Out, Inc. Other public and private-sector partners.

Website/ Contact Info:

www.movin-out.org (click on the link to Coachyard) Howard Mandeville at howard@movin-out.org

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Community Housing Alternatives

Program Description:

Community Housing Alternatives develops affordable housing for low to moderate-income families in Southeast Michigan through new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation, and homebuyer education. Through development and supportive management of affordable and accessible housing and through training and assistance with home purchase process, CHA helps individuals and families in identifying and securing the housing option of their choice. CHA own ten rental units in Washtenaw County, including a mixture of single family and duplex units. All rental units are occupied by individuals or families with an individual that has a developmental disability. CHA also offers a full service homeownership education program.

Eligibility:

You should consider this program if you have plans to purchase a home and continue living in it for at least five (5) years. If you remain in the home for the 5-year minimum, the grant will be forgiven. If you stay in the home for less than five years, then the amount of the grant that you must repay will decrease for every year that you continue to own and reside in the home. Another benefit is that you become a part of a network with access to some of the best homeownership services available, including counselors who will guide you through the process of acquiring and maintaining your first home.

Collaboration:

Washtenaw County, City of Ann Arbor, MSHDA, MSU Extension, POWER Inc., Homeplace Community Land Trust, Huron Valley Habitat for Humanity, Numerous Banks, Mortgage Companies and Realtors.

Website/ Contact Info:

<http://www.communityhousingalternatives.org/index.html>

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Sweden's Contact Family Program

Program Description:

The Contact Family Program recruits and reimburses families that provide volunteer respite support to client families. Client families are families that chose to have extra assistance due to a high need of support. Contact families provide weekend respite care as well as other types of support, which varies case by case. Contact families are screened in an interview to identify a possible client family. Client families ideally, are involved in the selection of contact families, but the Social Workers may suggest possible contact families to the client families and arrange 2-3 visits before a final decision is made. Client families may also suggest families that may be interested. Contact families are otherwise recruited by word of mouth. Screening is also done on client families to determine a need for services. Contact families provided respite care 1-2 weekends per month. The contact families are expected to provide respite, not to demonstrate parenting skills or provide other services to the family. One fourth of contact families have met with client families another 1-2 times per week to assist with other needs.

Training for contact families consists of a 2-3 hour interviews, a basic "orientation," information on child abuse reporting. In some community, contact families receive as much training as foster families, including sessions on separation, loss, child development and attachment. Social Workers would ideally meet with contact families every 2-6 months. Structure differs from district to district.

Funding:

Contact families are paid a basic monthly reimbursement of about \$160 and an additional \$10 per day for each day the child stays with the contact family. Payment is provided by Social Services.

Eligibility: Decided by Social Worker

Collaboration: Local government and community members

Website/ Contact Info: Dr. Richard P. Barth, professor and associate director, Child Welfare Research Center, Family Welfare Research Group, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley

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The Colorado Blue Ribbon Panel on Housing

Program Description:

In October of 2004, the University of Denver and the Colorado Division of Housing established the Colorado Blue Ribbon Panel on Housing. The Panel reflected a broad cross-section of the private, public and non-profit organizations involved in housing and community development in Colorado. Their mission was to explore and recommend ways to meet Colorado's housing challenges. Over thirteen months, the Panel met with local advisory groups on housing from six regions across Colorado and with experts on a variety of public policy issues.

The Blue Ribbon Panel Report looks at the following:

- The Blue Ribbon Panel on Housing's process and goals
- Colorado's unique affordable housing challenges
- Affordable housing's impact on economic vitality
- Solutions and approaches to affordable housing in Colorado

For more information on the panel discussion, go to <http://www.ahsfc.org/>

Collaboration:

The panel was comprised of leaders from both the public and private sectors across all segments of the housing continuum and from all regions of the state. For a complete list of co-chairs, see the website below.

Website/ Contact Info:

<http://www.ahsfc.org/>

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The Center for Housing and New Community Economics (CHANCE)

Program Description:

CHANCE is a Technical Assistance Center of the [Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire](#). CHANCE's mission is to improve and increase access to integrated, affordable, and accessible housing coordinated with, but separate from, personal assistance and supportive services. CHANCE and the IOD works partnership with ADAPT in all aspects of the Center. ADAPT is a national organization that focuses on promoting services in the community for people with disabilities. ADAPT and the IOD intend to collaborate with a broad coalition of people and organizations concerned with housing, economics, personal assistance services, and advocacy. The coalition will include people with disabilities and their families, as well as people from federal, state, and local agencies. Collaboration between the private and public sectors will be encouraged and facilitated. CHANCE has received grants for Initiatives to research home ownership options for people with disabilities.

Funding Source:

Institute of Disability through the University of New Hampshire

Eligibility:

Not applicable

Collaboration:

Local, state and federal agencies (not listed)

Website/ Contact info:

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National Association of Cooperative Housing

Program Description:

NACH is a nonprofit national federation of housing cooperatives, mutual housing associations, [member associations](#), other resident-owned or controlled housing, professionals, organizations, and individuals interested in promoting the interests of cooperative housing communities. NACH website gives helpful resources for types of housing cooperatives, start-up, benefits of co-operative housing, buying into a co-op, funding, resources, and member connections.

Housing Cooperatives For People With Special Needs

In addition to co-ops for seniors, some cooperatives have been developed for individuals with disabilities. For example, Silent Cooperative in Illinois is designed for hearing-impaired people. Another example is Co-op Initiatives, a nonprofit organization in Connecticut, which develops cooperative housing with some units reserved for developmentally disabled individuals. Their mission is independent living opportunities for persons with all types of disabilities.

Funding Source:

Possible Funding sources for Cooperative Housing according to the NACH website:

- Federal Programs
 - FHA and USDA Mortgage Insurance and/or Guarantees
- Federal Direct Loans and/or Grants
 - HUD Section 202 grants (for Senior Citizens)
 - HUD Section 811 grants (for persons with disabilities)
 - USDA Section 515 (Rural Housing)
 - USDA Rural Housing Site Loans
 - USDA Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants
 - USDA Housing Preservation Grants
 - USDA Community Facilities Loans (for community centers, day care facilities, etc.)
- Tax Exempt Bonds
- Equity Through the Sale of Federal Tax Credits
- Federal Funds that Flow Through States, Localities, Housing Authorities, and Community Action Agencies
- State and Local Programs

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National Association of Cooperative Housing (cont.)

Funding Source:

Possible Funding sources for Cooperative Housing according to the NACH website:

- Private Sources of Financing (these are just a few of many):
 - National Cooperative Bank/NCB Development Corporation and affiliates Federal Home Loan Bank System
 - Local, state, regional, and national nonprofit community development loan funds
 - Local banks
 - Consortia of local banks
 - Foundation grants and program-related investments
 - Community Development Financial Institutions
 - Seller financing
 - Intermediary Organization
 - Pension Funds
- http://www.coophousing.org/50plus_ways.shtml

Collaboration:

Attorneys, Property Managers, Accountant and CPAs, Developers, Lenders, and Contractors and other co-operative housing members and developers.

Website/ Contact Info:

www.coophousing.org