



Ray Graham
Association®

Empowering people with disabilities
to reach, grow, and achieve.™

SARADA D. PLANJERY CHILDREN'S RESPITE HOME

*A friendly home
away from home!*

A BREAK FROM CAREGIVING

Parents of children and young adults with developmental disabilities deserve rich and fulfilling lives, and this includes a much-needed break from caregiving. Finding quality care can often be challenging, but our unique children's respite home provides temporary, overnight respite care that allows parents the opportunity to enjoy a weekend away, a night out on the town, time alone, or time with their other children.

The five-bedroom accessible home is located in Lombard and supports children and young adults, ages three to twenty-one years old, for up to thirty nights per year. There is no cost for these respite services for those that qualify and meet eligibility criteria.

SENSORY ELEMENTS PROMOTE RELAXATION

The home features sensory equipment and elements that reduce anxiety and promote relaxation. Each child and young adult can benefit from use of the equipment or share the experience with others as a group. The home also has WiFi which allows the use of tablets and approved apps to support learning and socialization.

**Questions? Email us directly at
planjeryrespite@raygraham.org**

Q&A

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I use the respite home if I do not have funding?

Yes, the respite home is funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS).

What are the eligibility criteria?

Children and young adults must be between 3 and 21 years old, have a developmental disability, and reside in Illinois.

How long can my child stay?

Visits can go from one night to two weeks for a maximum of 30 nights per year (July 1- June 30).



PERSON-CENTERED SERVICES

The Sarada D. Planjery Children's Respite Home is unique in Illinois and is a home-away-from home for many children and young adults with disabilities. Located in Lombard, the five-bedroom/two-bath home is wheelchair-accessible, has a large fenced-in backyard with play equipment, and is within walking distance to a community park. The home is licensed to support up to five children at a time, and care is available 365 days a year with 24-hour support.

All of the Team members in the home are first aid/CPR certified and have received extensive training in safely caring for your loved one. Team members can pass oral medications as prescribed by a physician, monitor vitals, and meet basic medical needs.

Balanced and nutritious meals are provided and served family-style. Whenever possible, children are encouraged and asked to help in meal preparation, setting the table, and cleaning up.

Activities

In addition to providing daily care while parents are away, services and activities are person-centered, customized, and based on each child's desires and interests.

COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES

Spending time in the community is a vital aspect of the program so an accessible vehicle is available to transport children so they can participate in activities such as trips to:

- The local park
- The zoo
- Museums
- Sporting events
- Community festivals

IN-HOME ACTIVITIES

In-home activities are based on each child's interests and may include:

- Playing in the fenced-in yard
- Utilizing many of the sensory items in the home to reduce anxiety
- Working on daily living skills as directed by family
- Playing educational games
- Hosting holiday-themed activities for friends and family members

We're all working together to empower people to reach, grow, and *achieve their dreams!*

Ray Graham Association provides support to nearly 2,000 children and adults with disabilities throughout DuPage County and the surrounding areas and offers residential, life skills, employment, recreational, and family support services.

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