

## Unity House's Respite Service is Consumer-Focused and Consumer-Centered



In caring for consumers accessing respite, our trained Respite Service staff is dedicated to ensuring that individual choice is the primary focus of its oversight and management.

Our service includes RN coverage for consumers whose medical needs require such care.

***Our Service Provides  
Quality Care & Support***

## Our Respite Service Staff Collaborates Directly With Medicaid Service Coordinators

We welcome the opportunity to coordinate care with you. Our Respite Service features a relaxed and inviting environment for every consumer.

Our professional staff will work with you so that we know completely the needs of the individual and have effectively prepared for his or her stay.

*For more information about  
and to refer to our  
Respite Service, please call  
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## Respite Service



**Temporary Placement  
On a  
Planned or Emergent Basis**

62 South Street, Auburn, NY  
315-282-0109



Unity House of Cayuga County Inc. offers Respite Service to adult individuals (age 18 or older) with developmental disabilities on a planned or emergent basis. Our service features 24-hour, seven-day-a-week supervision and oversight by trained, caring staff.



Located within our Individual Residential Alternative (IRA) site at 62 South Street in Auburn, NY, our service includes a fully furnished apartment with a living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, and handicap-accessible bedroom. Use of and supports for our Respite Service depend on consumer needs.

## RESPITE

Respite Service gives consumers and their caregiver an opportunity to take reprieves as needed. It also is used as an interim setting for consumers without housing.



Our service offers consumers an ideal environment that prepares them to progress to independent living. Respite is structured to allow consumers who access it to simultaneously participate fully in their community-based programs, such as Day Hab and Res Hab. Stays at our Respite Service are limited to 30 consecutive days, not to exceed 42 days annually. We offer trial visits that are limited to seven days total over any six-month period.

## SERVICE

Individuals admitted to our Respite Service must have an established need for respite, therapeutic stay, trial visit, or emergency housing. Some of the criteria individuals must meet include:

- 1) Being eligible for respite per OMRDD guidelines and being Medicaid-Waiver enrolled and eligible
- 2) Being 18 years old or older
- 3) If referred from an emergency room, being psychiatrically and medically cleared by clinical staff and attending MD
- 4) Having a current ISP and Service Coordinator
- 5) Living independently, with family, or in family care
- 6) Having family or other service providers available to collaborate with Respite Service should we determine additional information is needed

*To download our brochure and complete Respite Service admissions criteria / referral packet, go to [www.unityhouse.com](http://www.unityhouse.com), click on the MRDD Services page, then click on the link in the page's left-hand margin*