

Setting 15

Setting Name:	Southfield Village
Description of Setting:	Southfield Village is located in South Bend, Ind., in a planned intergenerational subdivision, including single family homes and a continuing care community with independent living, assisted living, and healthcare. Southfield Village is in a rural setting but is less than a mile from a major retail setting.
Type of setting:	Co-located with nursing facility

Southfield Village is included in the list of settings that have been identified as presumed institutional and subject to public comment. Southfield Village participates in the Division of Aging's Home and Community-Based waiver(s).

How This Setting Will Overcome Being Presumed Institutional

The Division believes that ultimately, this setting will overcome the presumption of institutionalism by showing (1) that there is a meaningful distinction between the assisted living setting and the nursing facility and (2) that the setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community.

Evidence Overcoming the Presumption of Institutionalism

The following characteristics overcome the presumption of institutionalism at Southfield Village:

1. There is meaningful distinction between Southfield Village and the nursing facility
 - a. Southfield Village has dedicated staff for the assisted living.
 - b. Nursing facility staff exceed the qualifications of the assisted living staff.
 - c. Consolidated revenues and expenses are tracked separately between the assisted living and nursing facility.
 - d. The assisted living and nursing facility have separate entrances.
 - e. The assisted living apartments are in a separate building from the health care center that are connected by interior hallways--each building has a different construction type.
 - f. More than 150 feet separate any assisted living apartment from a skilled nursing room.
 - g. Residents are free to choose their own apartments.
 - h. Residents have their own single-occupancy apartment.
2. The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community
 - a. Southfield Village residents are as active in the community as they desire to be, including volunteering in the South Bend/Mishawaka community.
 - b. Through its relationship with the Forever Learning Institute, Southfield Village offers educational programs for both our residents and the public. The setting offers meeting rooms used by the residents and the larger community.

- c. The retirement community is used in a variety of ways by the greater South Bend community. Yoga, Tai Chi, and painting classes are provided by community-based providers to the general public, as well as the residents.
- d. Southfield Village is a voting precinct at election time.
- e. Southfield Village sponsors bus trips for residents and the larger community to regional destinations throughout the Midwest.
- f. Located within 20 minutes from Indiana University South Bend, the University of Notre Dame, and Bethel College, the opportunities for activities for Southfield Village residents are endless. Plays, musicals, art galleries, shopping, and even protesting are all activities that residents engage in, sometimes through planned outings.
- i. Within the building, Southfield Village offers educational (art, foreign languages, literature, history, etc.) classes; music programs; exercise groups; a sewing group; leather working; gardening and card groups to name a few.
- j. Residents can use their own vehicles, use facility transportation services, use taxi or ride share services, or use the bus line, which is approximately one-half mile from Southfield Village.

Conclusion

Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) waiver participants have chosen from a list of meaningful setting options to live at the Southfield Village assisted living setting. Southfield Village will overcome the presumption of institutionalism as it is meaningfully different from the nursing facility and it is integrated in and supports full access to the community.

Setting 16

Setting Name:	Christian Care Retirement Community
Description of Setting:	Christian Care Retirement Community is located in Bluffton, Ind., in a residential area with single-family homes and condominiums. The community is 32-acres and has multiple walking paths and a wooded trail path access. Dining, shopping, and churches are within less than half a mile from the community.
Type of setting:	Co-located with nursing facility

Christian Care Retirement Community (hereinafter referred to as “Christian Care”) is included in the list of settings that have been identified as presumed institutional and subject to public comment. Christian Care participates in the Division of Aging’s Home and Community-Based waiver(s).

How This Setting Will Overcome Being Presumed Institutional

The Division believes that ultimately, this setting will overcome the presumption of institutionalism by showing (1) that there is a meaningful distinction between the assisted living setting and the nursing facility and (2) that the setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community.

Evidence Overcoming the Presumption of Institutionalism

The following characteristics overcome the presumption of institutionalism at Christian Care:

3. There is meaningful distinction between Christian Care and the nursing facility
 - a. Staff at Christian Care assisted living are not trained to meet the same qualifications as the nursing facility.
 - b. There are some separate entrances between the assisted living and nursing facility and the assisted living is primarily on a separate floor from the nursing facility.
 - c. A code alert system separates the nursing facility and assisted living.
 - d. Residents are free to choose their own apartments.
 - e. Residents have their own single-occupancy apartment.
 - f. There is a separate parking lots for assisted living residents.

4. The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community
 - a. Christian Care offers frequent trips to local dining, shopping, and attractions such as Christmas lights, Wells County historical sites, state parks, ice cream shops, and residents’ former homesteads.
 - b. Daily, weekly, and monthly activities range from Bingo, exercise activities, sing-alongs, decorating contests, craft creations, men’s chat, games, outdoor fishing, carnivals, ice cream socials, and golf cart rides.

- c. Residents are provided the opportunity to attend the annual county fair and parade, play games with local middle school students at the school, and take part in an annual interview project with one of our local private, Christian schools focused on better understanding the elder population's life stories.
- d. Residents can have their own vehicles and assigned parking spaces.
- e. Groups from the community visit Christian Care including entertainers, singing groups, local zoo animals, preschoolers who interact with residents, and weekly church services.
- f. Christian Care offers a wellness room and activity center.

Conclusion

Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) waiver participants have chosen from a list of meaningful setting options to live at the Christian Care assisted living setting. Christian Care will overcome the presumption of institutionalism as it is meaningfully different from the nursing facility and it is integrated in and supports full access to the community.

Setting 17

Setting Name:	Sprenger Health Care of Mishawaka
Description of Setting:	Sprenger Health Care of Mishawaka is located in Mishawaka, Ind., and is a few miles from shopping and restaurants.
Type of setting:	Co-located with nursing facility

Sprenger Health Care of Mishawaka (hereinafter referred to as “Sprenger”) is included in the list of settings that have been identified as presumed institutional and subject to public comment. Sprenger participates in the Division of Aging’s Home and Community-Based waiver(s).

How This Setting Will Overcome Being Presumed Institutional

The Division believes that ultimately, this setting will overcome the presumption of institutionalism by showing (1) that there is a meaningful distinction between the assisted living setting and the nursing facility and (2) that the setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community.

Evidence Overcoming the Presumption of Institutionalism

The following characteristics overcome the presumption of institutionalism at Sprenger:

5. There is meaningful distinction between Sprenger and the nursing facility
 - a. The assisted living and nursing facility do not share a bank account.
 - b. The assisted living and nursing facility do not share financial arrangements.
 - c. There are financial statements demonstrating separation from the nursing facility.
 - d. The assisted living has its own dedicated nursing, dietary, activities and housekeeping staff that is separate then the skilled nursing facility.
 - e. There is a long hallway that separates the nursing facility and assisted living. The nursing facility and the assisted living are on separate side of the building and cannot be accessed without walking down a long hall with entrance that separates the two entities. There are also two separate designated dining rooms and activities rooms and lounge areas.
 - f. There is separate signage for the nursing facility and assisted living.
 - g. Sprenger allows pets in the assisted living apartment.
 - h. Residents are free to choose their own apartments.
 - i. Residents have their own single-occupancy apartment.

6. The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community
 - a. Residents participate in local churches, fairs, and senior centers.
 - b. Residents can participate in Bingo, crafts, trivia, cooking, musical entertainment, resident council, and happy hour at Sprenger.

- c. Sprenger provides transportation to residents and family members can transport residents as well.
- d. Sprenger has its own dedicated parking lot for assisted living residents who have the desire to continue to operate a vehicle.
- e. Sprenger has a happy hour lounge, in-house café, courtyard, putting green, and theater room.
- f. Volunteers and local businesses are involved at Sprenger.

Conclusion

Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) waiver participants have chosen from a list of meaningful setting options to live at the Sprenger assisted living setting. Sprenger will overcome the presumption of institutionalism as it is meaningfully different from the nursing facility and it is integrated in and supports full access to the community.

Setting 18

Setting Name:	Wesley Manor Retirement Community
Description of Setting:	Wesley Manor Retirement Community is a continuing care community located in Frankfort, Ind., including a duplex, single family homes (cottages homes for fully independent seniors), and a large senior activity center. The campus is 83-acres with a bowling alley, indoor swimming pool, fitness center, greenhouse, and golf course. The community is located in a small town that has the typical chain restaurants and small businesses.
Type of setting:	Co-located with nursing facility

Wesley Manor Retirement Community (hereinafter referred to as “Wesley Manor”) is included in the list of settings that have been identified as presumed institutional and subject to public comment. Wesley Manor participates in the Division of Aging’s Home and Community-Based waiver(s).

How This Setting Will Overcome Being Presumed Institutional

The Division believes that ultimately, this setting will overcome the presumption of institutionalism by showing (1) that there is a meaningful distinction between the assisted living setting and the nursing facility and (2) that the setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community.

Evidence Overcoming the Presumption of Institutionalism

The following characteristics overcome the presumption of institutionalism at Wesley Manor:

1. There is meaningful distinction between the assisted living and the nursing facility
 - a. Wesley Manor has some separate entrances between the nursing facility and assisted living setting.
 - b. Wesley Manor tracks revenues by area and department.
 - c. The assisted living and nursing facility are distinct areas of the campus and the main building.
 - d. The assisted living area and the Health Center have separate activity areas and dedicated staff to each area.
 - e. Residents are free to choose their own apartments.
 - f. Residents have their own single-occupancy apartment.
2. The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community
 - a. Residents participate in daily, weekly, and monthly activities.

- b. If a resident wants to go shopping, Wesley Manor provide a shuttle to different shopping locations twice weekly.
- c. For transportation options, Wesley Manor provides fee-for-service transportation, residents can make appointments with the Paul Phillipe Resource Center, can use taxi services, and are able to have a car on-site with ample parking available.
- d. Activities that are offered to the community members and groups are: monthly entertainment (i.e. happy hour), local funeral homes do monthly events, the local humane society come in monthly with pets for visits, different clubs/organizations volunteer when asked. Wesley Manor offers bus outings weekly, car and tractor shows in the summer months, and has different sales (i.e. greenhouse plant sale).
- e. Activities that are available in the assisted living are 4-lane bowling alley, swimming (therapy pool), dart ball, card clubs, gardening clubs, and a billiards room recreation area with pool table and tabletop tennis.

Conclusion

Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) waiver participants have chosen from a list of meaningful setting options to live at the Wesley Manor assisted living setting. Wesley Manor will overcome the presumption of institutionalism as it is meaningfully different from the nursing facility and it is integrated in and supports full access to the community.

Setting 19

Setting Name: **The Milton Home**

Description of Setting: The Milton Home is located in South Bend, Ind., with a river on one side and a neighborhood on the other side. Restaurants and a hospital are within a block of the building. Additionally, The Milton Home is located a few blocks from shops, a performing arts theater, a park, a Riverwalk, and the city services of downtown South Bend.

Type of setting: Co-located with nursing facility

The Milton Home is included in the list of settings that have been identified as presumed institutional and subject to public comment. The Milton Home participates in the Division of Aging's Home and Community-Based waiver(s).

How This Setting Will Overcome Being Presumed Institutional

The Division believes that ultimately, this setting will overcome the presumption of institutionalism by showing (1) that there is a meaningful distinction between the assisted living setting and the nursing facility and (2) that the setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community.

Evidence Overcoming the Presumption of Institutionalism

The following characteristics overcome the presumption of institutionalism at The Milton Home:

1. There is meaningful distinction between the assisted living and the nursing facility
 - a. Revenues come into two separate accounts.
 - b. Revenues for the assisted living are deposited into an assisted living account.
 - c. There are separate entrances inside the building between the nursing facility and assisted living.
 - d. Residents are free to choose their own apartments.
 - e. Residents have their own single-occupancy apartment.

2. The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community
 - a. The Milton Home has access to downtown South Bend allowing residents to visit local shops, downtown resources, and events of the resident's choosing.
 - b. Residents attend shows, concerts, and museums; they enjoy festivals downtown.
 - c. The view of the river from The Milton home allows residents to watch the River Races and practices during summer months. Outdoor patios were recently added for additional outdoor activities.
 - d. Residents can use The Milton Home bus for appointments and outings. Public bus transportation and ride share services are also available. Friends and family can also transport the resident.

- e. The Milton Home hosts art shows featuring resident paintings, and hosts family education meetings related to dementia educational discussions and group support.
- f. Residents can participate in Mod Squad, a resident council, and outdoor excursions.

Conclusion

Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) waiver participants have chosen from a list of meaningful setting options to live at The Milton Home assisted living setting. The Milton Home will overcome the presumption of institutionalism as it is meaningfully different from the nursing facility and it is integrated in and supports full access to the community.

Setting 20

Setting Name:	Otterbein Franklin SeniorLife
Description of Setting:	Otterbein Franklin SeniorLife is located in Franklin, Ind., and includes independent cottage homes, independent and assisted living apartments, and healthcare. The campus is located half a mile west of downtown Franklin with a hospital across the street, housing, and the Johnson County Fairgrounds on one side of the property and local businesses across the street. The campus has 120-acres with walking paths, a fishing pond, tennis court, indoor pool, playground, and clubhouse.
Type of setting:	Co-located with nursing facility

Otterbein Franklin SeniorLife (hereinafter referred to as “Otterbein”) is included in the list of settings that have been identified as presumed institutional and subject to public comment. Otterbein participates in the Division of Aging’s Home and Community-Based waiver(s).

How This Setting Will Overcome Being Presumed Institutional

The Division believes that ultimately, this setting will overcome the presumption of institutionalism by showing (1) that there is a meaningful distinction between the assisted living setting and the nursing facility and (2) that the setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community.

Evidence Overcoming the Presumption of Institutionalism

The following characteristics overcome the presumption of institutionalism at Otterbein:

3. There is meaningful distinction between the assisted living and the nursing facility
 - a. Otterbein has account numbers that separate aspects of the nursing and assisted living operations.
 - b. Each setting is separated by a hallway.
 - c. Residents are free to choose their own apartments.
 - d. Residents have their own single-occupancy apartment.

4. The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community
 - a. Otterbein hosts many events on campus, such as a country fair, and provides opportunities for community involvement through Coats for Kids, Christmas Angels, Fast Track, United Way, Relay for Life, Strawberries on the Square, downtown holiday lighting, and more.

- b. External groups visit Otterbein to perform, visit, do educational series, community service or leading exercise in the wellness center.
- c. The local community is involved through outdoor concerts, parades, drive-thrus, and contests with local community member judges.
- d. For transportation needs, residents can use in-house transportation or use Access Johnson County and Johnson County Senior Services.
- e. Residents have the flexibility to bring services, like grocery delivery to the campus and can sign up for frequent bus ride to local areas for shopping, entertainment, and other activities.

Conclusion

Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) waiver participants have chosen from a list of meaningful setting options to live at the Otterbein assisted living setting. Otterbein will overcome the presumption of institutionalism as it is meaningfully different from the nursing facility and it is integrated in and supports full access to the community.

Setting 21

Setting Name:	Parker Health and Rehabilitation
Description of Setting:	Parker Health and Rehabilitation is located in downtown Parker City, Ind., and has three distinct lifestyle communities of assisted living, rehabilitation, and skilled nursing.
Type of setting:	Co-located with nursing facility

Parker Health and Rehabilitation (hereinafter referred to as “Parker”) is included in the list of settings that have been identified as presumed institutional and subject to public comment. Parker participates in the Division of Aging’s Home and Community-Based waiver(s).

How This Setting Will Overcome Being Presumed Institutional

The Division believes that ultimately, this setting will overcome the presumption of institutionalism by showing (1) that there is a meaningful distinction between the assisted living setting and the nursing facility and (2) that the setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community.

Evidence Overcoming the Presumption of Institutionalism

The following characteristics overcome the presumption of institutionalism at Parker

1. There is meaningful distinction between the assisted living and the nursing facility
 - a. Parker does not have a shared bank account between the nursing facility and assisted living.
 - b. There are no shared financial arrangements between the nursing facility and assisted living.
 - c. There is separate signage between the nursing facility and assisted living
 - d. There are some separate entrances between the nursing home and assisted living.
 - e. Residents are free to choose their own apartments.
 - f. Residents have their own single-occupancy apartment.

2. The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community
 - a. Parker residents engage in activities such as watching movies, family outings, and any activity of their choice.
 - b. Residents can have as much or as little community involvement as they choose.
 - c. Residents can use their own vehicles, be transported by friends and family, or use transportation from Parker.
 - d. Church groups and a sorority are involved at Parker; other groups are invited to be involved with the participants.
 - e. Parker has daily activities and residents can participate at their choosing.

Conclusion

Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) waiver participants have chosen from a list of meaningful setting options to live at the Parker assisted living setting. Parker will overcome the presumption of institutionalism as it is meaningfully different from the nursing facility and it is integrated in and supports full access to the community.

Setting 22

Setting Name:	Heritage Pointe of Huntington
Description of Setting:	Heritage Pointe of Huntington is located in Huntington, Ind. The setting is a semi-rural area in a professional park that includes a hospital and YMCA. The setting is also located near churches and schools.
Type of setting:	Co-located with nursing facility

Heritage Pointe of Huntington (hereinafter referred to as Heritage Pointe) is included in the list of settings that have been identified as presumed institutional and subject to public comment. Heritage Pointe of Huntington participates in the Division of Aging's Home and Community-Based waiver(s).

How This Setting Will Overcome Being Presumed Institutional

The Division believes that ultimately, this setting will overcome the presumption of institutionalism by showing (1) that there is a meaningful distinction between the assisted living setting and the nursing facility and (2) that the setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community.

Evidence Overcoming the Presumption of Institutionalism

The following characteristics overcome the presumption of institutionalism at Heritage Pointe of Huntington:

1. There is meaningful distinction between the assisted living and the nursing facility
 - a. Heritage Pointe of Huntington has a separate entrance between the assisted living and nursing facility.
 - b. There is separate signage for the assisted living inside the building.
 - c. The nursing facility is a separate and distinct part of Heritage Pointe of Huntington.
 - d. Financial statements can be separated to show the distinction between the nursing facility and assisted living.
 - e. Residents are free to choose their own apartments.
 - f. Residents have their own single-occupancy apartment.
2. The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community
 - a. Heritage Pointe of Huntington has diner clubs, bi-weekly shopping trips, bus rides, sporting and cultural trips outside of the setting.
 - b. Community members are encouraged to organize clubs and activities at the setting.
 - c. Activities inside the setting include Bingo, wellness exercise programs, corn hole, craft clubs, musical programs, devotional programs, chapel service, themed parties, shopping trips, dining clubs and community outings. Activities are also based on the current needs and desires of the residents.

- d. Transportation can be provided using the resident's own car, family or friends, and county-based transportation services are available.
- e. Residents have access to exercise equipment and a pool table.

Conclusion

Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) waiver participants have chosen from a list of meaningful setting options to live at the Heritage Pointe of Huntington assisted living setting. Heritage Pointe of Huntington will overcome the presumption of institutionalism as it is meaningfully different from the nursing facility and it is integrated in and supports full access to the community.

Setting 23

Setting Name:

A Rosie Place for Children

Description of Setting:

A Rosie Place for Children serves all 92 counties in the state of Indiana by providing **respite care** to medically fragile children (age 0-21). A Rosie Place for Children is situated on five acres in **South Bend, Indiana**. Accommodations include six unique kid-friendly bedrooms the children like to call their own, which are warm, spacious, and colorful featuring nature-inspired themes. The saltwater aquarium, colorful murals, outdoor pond, and waterfall are just some of the fun features the children love. Children can stay in Desert Dreams, Sunny Meadow, Jungle Playground, Moonscape Mountain, The Harbor, or Barefoot Beach. Guests can use one of three bathrooms (the Pond, the Waterfall, and the River) which are especially equipped for a variety of abilities/needs. Children and staff gather in the common rooms: Grand Park (our living room) and Nibbling Nook (the kitchen, of course!). Staff and children eat together and play together. Virtual tour included to include layout of the facility at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ieXhugrCsxs>

Type of setting:

Licensed Specialty Hospital

A Rosie Place for Children is the first (and only) specialty hospital in the **state of Indiana** exclusively for children who are medically fragile in order to provide respite for parent(s) or caregiver(s) of these children. A child who is medically fragile requires daily care by specially trained caregivers (above and beyond typical parenting). Children who are medically fragile require the use of therapies and/or specialized high tech medical equipment (such as G-Tubes, ventilators, apnea monitors, suction machines) to sustain or enhance their lives. Conditions that may constitute medically fragile include (but are not limited to): premature birth, brain injury, uncontrolled seizure disorder, cancer, spina bifida, complications from surgeries, chronic lung or heart disease, swallowing disorders or specialized feeding issues, neuromuscular disease, or other chronic health conditions such as diabetes and asthma that require specialized care that cannot be provided by an untrained care giver. Although the setting is a highly equipped hospital, capable of caring for the most complex pediatric conditions, it is most of all a “home-away-from-home” environment.

A Rosie Place for Children is included in the list of settings that have been identified as presumed institutional and subject to public comment. A Rosie Place for Children is seeking application approval to become a Respite Provider through the Indiana Division of Aging’s

Home and Community-Based waiver(s), which serves approximately 1,400 medically fragile children.

How This Setting Will Overcome Being Presumed Institutional

A Rosie Place for Children allows families to keep children living at home, as opposed to relocating medically fragile children to a nursing facility, because staff provide heightened quality, necessary and temporary respite to families of medically fragile children. Families choose respite care service to reduce day-to-day stresses, time to rest and attend to other responsibilities, such as work and parenting other children. Parent(s) and/or caregiver is often the only consistent person managing a fragile child's complex medical condition.¹ Indiana, like many States, struggles to fill skilled provider capacity within home and community based services. In the event skilled care is located for a family with a medically fragile child, parents/caregivers do not feel comfortable leaving the home to receive respite while the provider is in the home. Parents often have a difficult time finding people whom they trust and who are willing to provide safe, high-quality care in their absence. When parents utilize services at A Rosie Place, it is often the first respite they receive, because it is the first time parents feel safe leaving their child with a provider. During the course of the respite service, A Rosie Place staff remain in continuous communication with parent(s)/caregiver(s) by sending them pictures and videos of their child(ren) and the activities they are doing based on interests of each child.

A Rosie Place staff understands the importance of continuity in each child's care, and respect the role of the caregiver at home. Children who are medically fragile come to A Rosie Place for up to 10 nights at a time for respite stays. During this time, parents are given the gift of time to go on a date night, experience fun activities with their healthy children or enjoy much needed rest. There is a one child to one staff, or sometimes two staff ration of care to ensure each child receives an immersive, person centered experience during respite care. Additionally, A Rosie Place staff provide education and training to parent(s)/caregiver(s) as support in caring for their medically fragile child. This transfer of knowledge and skills to caregivers helps them provide quality care to their medically fragile child, so that relocation to a nursing facility is preventable. Please visit the following link to learn about a parent's experience at A Rosie Place.

A Rosie Place is unique and special; staff simply think outside the box when it comes to caring Indiana's medically fragile children and their families. If A Rosie Place was not able to provide respite care, many families with medically fragile children may not be able to continue caring for their children in a home based setting.

For more information about the experience of medically fragile children and their parents as well as the work A Rosie Place does to support these families, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArHvdgTsSCE>

Evidence Overcoming the Presumption of Institutionalism

The following characteristics overcome the presumption of institutionalism at A Rosie Place for Children

1. There is meaningful distinction between a Rosie Place and an institutional setting

¹ Carolyn Allshouse, Meg Comeau, Rylin Rodgers and Nora Wells. Pediatrics March 2018, 141 (Supplement 3) S195-S201; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2017-1284D>

- a. Ratio of 1 or 2 staff: 1 client to provide continuous care.
 - b. Six theme-based rooms for 1 or 2 occupancy depending on desire for roommate.
 - c. Selection of activities to meet interest of children/clients based on assessment.
 - d. A play space where all children/clients and staff spend time.
 - e. Dining area where meals are eaten together for children and staff, if desired and safe for each specific child.
 - f. Fills a need for respite services for parent(s)/caregiver(s) of medically fragile children, who receive home and community -based services, by allowing these children to remain in a community based setting as opposed to a nursing facility.
 - g. Staff provide individualized training and education to each parent(s)/caregiver(s) in order to fully care for their child at home.
 - k. Provides social connectedness among children, who may not otherwise have access to peers, due to risk safely attending community activities.
 - l. Provides community activities, such as dog therapy, to provide calming atmosphere within the community as well as allow medically fragile children to experience animals in a way that they may not have safely been able to access. Other favorite activities of the kids at A Rosie Place are bowling, spa days and making/eating cupcakes.
 - m. Provides assisted devices, such as, pacers, that allow medically fragile children to be mobile, especially within the outdoor space provided at A Rosie Place.
7. The setting is integrated in and supports full access to the greater community
- a. Many medically fragile children are not able to safely access the greater community due to risk of contracting an illness, but A Rosie Place creates a community where these children may connect with other children and adults in a way that they may not experience if not for this special space.
 - b. Thoughtfully designed, person centered activities, such as connecting children with nature, who may not be able to access outdoor space, helps children connect to the world. Specifically, one little boy at A Rosie Place is not safely able to access outdoor space for a continuous amount of time. Staff at A Rosie Place, collected leaves and grass and sticks from outside to bring to the little boy, and helped him create an art project from the items found outside.
 - c. A Rosie Place integrates community visitors, such as the local fire department where children are able to see and sit inside the firetruck.
 - d. A Rosie Place hosts H.A.V.E.N (Here and Visible- Educational Networking). This event is designed to engage and empower the community of families who care for children who are medically fragile. H.A.V.E.N. is a quarterly event created and hosted by A Rosie Place exclusively for families caring for medically fragile children. This gathering is a relaxed time for families to connect and enjoy one another in an accommodating environment and in community with other families sharing similar experiences and understanding. Connecting with other families experiencing similar situations has been vitally important for our families at A Rosie Place. Although the focus of H.A.V.E.N. is for families to come together and enjoy a time of camaraderie, there is an educational

component provided at each event. Special activities are planned for both the child who is medically fragile and their siblings to enjoy. Even if families do not use other services at A Rosie Place, such as respite, all families who have a child who is medically fragile are welcome to attend. During one of the H.A.V.E.N. events a little girl, Katie Joy, who attends A Rosie Place was able to visit a craft table for the first time in her life, because at A Rosie Place there was space for her to work whereas in regular public events there has not been room for her to do this kind of project. At A Rosie Place for Children, Katie Joy is able to do all the activities other kids get to do.

- e. A Rosie Place hosts “It’s a Wonderful Life Event. Each December, A Rosie Place opens its doors to the community of families with special needs (not just medically fragile) children. Santa and Mrs. Claus are in the house for visiting, hearing wishes, and posing for family pictures.
- f. A Rosie Place hosts an annual birthday party in order for medically fragile children to experience a big birthday party with friends.
- g. A Rosie Place produces and hosts a regular podcast, “Fragile, Not Broken.” This is the first podcast in the world dedicated exclusively to discussing children who are medically fragile. It is a voice for children who are medically fragile and their families.
- h. A Rosie Place also offers a YouTube channel where families can learn and connect with each other as well as staff and community supports. Children are also able to hear staff read stories on this channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzXmz8ltFBqJOW0InkwSw9Q/featured>

Conclusion

Parent(s)/Caregiver(s) of medically fragile children spend much of their lives sleeping in hospital chairs, skipping meals, in fear, in joy, becoming an expert in their child’s medical condition, and being an advocate for their child. They need to take a break, to rest, to connect in order to continue caring for their child at home. Many parent(s)/caregiver(s) cannot find skilled care, a regular childcare provider, or trust a provider to care for their complex needs’ child. In Indiana, parent(s)/caregiver(s) of medically fragile children are left with extremely limited options for home-based care. A Rosie Place for Children serves a respite need for parents in Indiana communities to help care for medically fragile children that may otherwise not be able to remain in a home-based setting.

Medically fragile children also have needs and preferences that must be met in order to enhance quality of life. At A Rosie Place for Children, medically fragile children experience the world and all its pleasures through some combination of sensory activities that incorporate sight, sound, touch, smell or taste. Staff are creative in the ways they bring joy and stimulation to children's daily lives. Since each child's cognition and sensory intake differs, to do this effectively requires a personal connection between staff and child, astute attention in interactions and a focus on abilities rather than disabilities. Whether the children are in group or one-on-one therapy or in more casual interactions, A Rosie Place staff use a highly individualized approach to understand and respond to the needs and preferences of each child. Through caring, trained staff and community connectedness, A Rosie Place provides a memorable day amid the challenges medically fragile children and families face each day. This is a community that celebrates the fun, friendship, and spirit of childhood.

