

How to Apply

1. Fill out an application. Call to speak with EPI's Intake & Referral Specialist or go online for an application.
2. Return the application to the EPI office.
3. Once the application is reviewed, you and your team may be asked to come to the EPI office for an intake meeting.

EPI services may be requested through the Central Point of Coordination or Case Management Unit in your home community as well. For more information, contact us at (319) 232-6671 or visit us online at www.episervice.org.

Our Mission

Exceptional Persons, Inc (EPI) makes a positive difference for people living with disabilities, enhances community child care and strengthens families.

Our Values

- **Stewardship**
Transparent and responsible use of our resources
- **Teamwork**
Working together to bring out the best in each other
- **Integrity**
Driven to do what's right
- **Quality**
Innovative services, extraordinary outcomes

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accredited for community housing, community integration, respite services, supported living, community employment services, & employment planning services



From the experience of learning necessary skills in a caring environment to the experience of making friends – life is in the experiences. We understand. Experience matters.

What We Offer

Exceptional Persons, Inc. (EPI) provides relief and support to families who face stress in caring around-the-clock for their child and young adults with special needs. The respite program offers in-home and out-of-home services by staff members specially trained to provide appropriate levels of care to meet the needs of each child and family.

Services for children with disabilities are broken up into four programs:

- Group Respite: This activity based program provides group interaction and activities.
- Teen Group Respite: A program just for teens. This group focuses on volunteer and recreational activities.
- Day Habilitation: Group activities in Day Habilitation focus on building life skills.
- One-on-one Respite: This one-on-one child care option focuses on recreation activities in the home.

Eligibility

Children's Services are provided to families with children and young adults who have mental disabilities, physical disabilities, significant delays or behavioral difficulties.

- Group Respite: Age 4 - Graduation from High School
- Teen Group Respite: Age 13 - Graduation from High School
- Day Habilitation: Age 16 - Graduation from High School
- One-on-One Respite: Age 1 to 18 years of age

Activities

We like to see the children having fun. Here's a list of just some of the activities available (activities vary per program):

- Music & dance
- Games
- Cooking & kitchen activities
- Arts & crafts
- Pet therapy
- Monitored computer time
- Horticulture
- Indoor/Outdoor sports
- Library time
- Select community events
- Volunteer opportunities
- Swimming
- Field trips



Hours & Location

The Children's Services program is located at 3675 University Avenue in Waterloo at EPI's Deery Center location. Call to schedule a tour.

- Group Respite: M-Th 3:00 - 7:30 p.m. • Fri 3:00 - 10:00 p.m. 3 Saturdays/month • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 1 Overnight/month • 3:00 p.m. Fri - 8:00 p.m. Sat
- Teen Group Respite: 2 Saturday's a month
- Day Habilitation: Individually scheduled as day or hourly program
- One-on-One Respite: Individually scheduled

Funding for Services

Funding for services may be paid for through several different avenues which may include, but are not limited to:

- Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) ID Waiver
- Ill & Handicapped Waiver
- Brain Injury Waiver
- Grants
- Self-Pay