

## OUR VISION

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The Handicapped Children's Association of Southern New York, Inc. (HCA) has been serving the community since 1947. HCA offers diagnostic and treatment services, family support, and early intervention services for developmentally and physically disabled persons, primarily children and their families. The organization's vision is to provide opportunities for its consumers to integrate into the community in a dignified and respectful manner. HCA provides an environment where activities, services, and support are based on the dreams, interests, preferences, strengths, and capabilities of the individual - where a person with a disability is treated as a person.

## Affiliations

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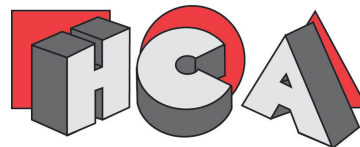
## OUR SERVICES

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- Occupational & Physical Therapy
- Speech-Language Therapy & Audiology
- Preschool Programs
- Early Intervention Program
- Psychology Services
- Family Services
- Residential Services
- Respite Services
- Aquatic Therapy

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## HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION

## *RESPITE SERVICES*

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## RESPITE PROGRAM

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### What is Respite?

HCA's respite services provide temporary overnight relief to families and caregivers of people with developmental disabilities. Respite helps families cope with the daily challenges of raising a child with special needs.

### Who can use HCA's Respite?

Respite can be used by children, adolescents, and adults who are enrolled in the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver program. A typical stay for an individual, or consumer, ranges from one day to one week, depending upon availability.

### How much does a Respite stay cost?

The cost of supervision and meals at Respite House is covered as a waiver service and is funded through the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) and its HCBS waiver program.

## ABOUT RESPITE HOUSE

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HCA has operated an overnight weekend respite since 1993. However, by 2004, HCA found that the need for respite services in the community had expanded so much that the organization began to look into creating a residence specifically for respite care. Respite House was established in December 2005 and is located at 147 Front Street in Binghamton.



Respite House has seven bedrooms with the potential to accommodate eight consumers. There is a large open activity area and a full kitchen to accommodate dining in a family-style atmosphere.

In order to provide the highest quality service for each consumer, the respite care staff receives ongoing, specialized training. A nurse is on site at all times to administer medication and to provide any medical treatments that may be needed.

## ENROLLMENT PROCESS

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To enroll in the Respite program, a consumer must be approved by the Admission Committee at the Broome Developmental Disabilities Services Office (DDSO). An intake is completed for each consumer and includes the following documentation:

- Documentation of the consumer's developmental disability
- Copy of current Individualized Service Plan (ISP) listing Free Standing Respite as a service
- Documentation of current physical exam
- Copy of all immunizations
- Current doctor's orders for all medications and treatments

### More Information

If you would like further information, please contact HCA's Respite Director at:

(607) 348-0417, extension 506.