



## Trauma Informed Lens

It is crucial to understand that many difficult childhood behaviors are simply the resulting symptoms of an underlying cause that is likely related to a variety of difficult factors in their lives. We understand the children we work with have been through a lot and may walk a difficult and scary path. With this in mind, we take a trauma-informed approach when working with children; emphasizing sensitivity, predictability, and respect.

Advocates believes the following lists will guide you in being an amazing asset in a child's life.

### Advocates Always...

- Provide Safety (emotional/physical/ environmental)
- Build Trust
- Allow Choice
- Work to Collaborate
- Strive for Empowerment of the child'

### Advocates Never...

- Shame, insult or demean
- Threaten
- Intimidate
- Use Punitive Consequences
- Instilling Fear
- Assert Dominance or Power
- Use Physical Force
- Initiate or engage in Power Struggles



## ADVOCATES for Healthy Transitional Living

### Mission

We are Advocates  
for Healthy Transitional Living.

Professional and collaborative teams offering innovative, healing & flexible, one size fits one community based programming serving at-risk youth & families.

Advocates has service providers throughout Northeast Wisconsin serving more than 17 counties and nearly 30 school districts across the state.

Advocates works with counties, school districts, and other providers to find unique solutions for individuals of all ages but specializes in services for kids.

### Values

#### Safety

Providing a safe place and space for individuals to be who they are and to continue to develop who they want to be.

#### Hope

Believing that you are important, you are loved, and you and your community have a shared interest in building your resilience and success.

#### Awareness

Remembering that everyone has a story that shapes their life.

#### Respect

Unconditional, positive regard for the feelings, wishes, rights, and journey of others.

#### Empowerment

The process of accepting the opportunity to grow and learn, becoming stronger and more confident; eventually claiming one's rights and taking control of one's life, situation and future and then sharing the opportunity with others as it presents itself.

#### Disruption

Healing humans through innovative and groundbreaking work done in ways that are different than ever done before.

# CHANGE LIVES BECOME a RESPITE PROVIDER

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# They need you!

## What is Respite?

Respite is a supportive service that can be planned ahead or required in response to a crisis situation. Advocates contracts with supportive individuals, like you, to care for children. This time gives primary caregivers the time and space required to re-charge and center – ready to face what life brings.

## Who are the clients?

Advocates partners with families to support children who struggle with a variety of challenges. Respite care complements the other services offered at Advocates, so each client brings a team of 24/7, professional support. Respite often allows children the opportunity to participate in fun, relaxing or new activities; some, clients may have never experienced before! Despite the challenges, Advocates clients are just kids who need to be shown someone genuinely cares. That someone can be you!

## In case of Emergency

You're never alone when caring for an Advocates Kid. If you have questions or emergency situations while a child is in your care, Advocates Urgent Response team is always available at (920) 770-7119.

Advocates urgent response team has a relationship with most clients and can evaluate situations via phone. A Service Specialist will dispatch to your location when needed, 24/7.

Foster families, biological parents and caregivers need your partnership in caring for some of the most vulnerable youth in our communities. This could be providing care overnight, hosting a child for a week-end or, a child staying with you for an extended period of time. It's all part of changing lives.

Advocates is welcoming caring individuals and families who can care for children and help them feel at home and part of another family unit. Respite providers have full responsibility for children while in their care. This includes a place for the child to sleep and meeting their basic necessities, but is also an amazing opportunity to show a child you care and have some fun including them in whatever interests or activities already happening in the home—these kids will change your life too!

## Are child's expenses paid?

Respite providers are contracted and paid a nightly stipend by Advocates to care for children. The stipend is different based on the needs of the child but is enough to cover the costs associated with care. Providers submit respite tracking sheets and are paid a care stipend each month.

## Where is Respite care provided?

Respite care is provided in personal homes or at one of Advocates' furnished respite homes.

Caregivers who provide respite in their own homes, complete a brief home inspection process, where the licensing specialist follows a checklist to ensure your home meets State of Wisconsin safety measures (smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detector/s, fire extinguishers, etc.)

All providers undergo a Caregiver Background Check pursuant to The Caregiver Law, under Wis. Stat. § 50.065.

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