

# **RESPIRE CARE PROGRAMS**

**The primary purpose of the program must be child abuse and neglect prevention.**

Respite Care Programs support the stability of families that provide long-term care to individuals or family members with special needs.

**Respite Care Programs also reduce the following:**

- Social isolation
- Stress-related health problems
- Reduced likelihood of institutionalization of the person with special needs
- Reduces the likelihood of divorce and helps sustains marriages

(Source: FRIENDS National Resource Center)

**Respite care can be provided in a variety of settings including, but not limited to:**

- The family home
- A relative's home
- A community setting
- A day care center
- Church respite programs