

*SEEKING FAMILIES for FALL 2014  
(small number needed for summer 2014)*



*Resource Center for Accessible Living, Inc.*

# Respite Program New Paltz Area Families

Resource Center for Accessible Living, Inc. (**RCAL**) is partnering with SUNY New Paltz Communications Disorders Program to train professionals to provide respite services to individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). The program will be open to matriculated students at SUNY New Paltz and graduates of the program.

- ❖ We are currently seeking families who are willing to serve as “internship sites” for students in the SUNY New Paltz Concentration in Human Services Program. Families must have a member with an Autism Spectrum Disorder in need of respite care. Families will be asked to meet with students and discuss care for their family member. Students will then provide respite services and family members will be asked for feedback. We are seeking a representative sample of individuals with ASDs including adults and children on all parts of the spectrum. We are also specifically seeking individuals with behavioral challenges and individuals with communication issues. These internships will follow a college semesters. Families will work with the student to schedule time for respite. Students are expected to complete 50 hours of respite per semester.

Families within a 20 minute drive of SUNY New Paltz are preferred.

- ❖ The individual with autism must be eligible for OPWDD services and not currently receiving waiver services. MSCs or family members can refer.

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