**Hiring Resources for Personal Support Worker (PSW)**

**HDE Home Care**
<http://hde-home-care.com/services/>

Director of Care: Laah Wallace

(503) 686-9079

HDE Home Care is a family-owned company and has been serving the Portland area since 2010. HDE will conduct an intake to determine the wants and the needs for the child and their family. Once they conduct their intake, they will obtain your family schedule to coordinate with staff they have available. They will send a staff member to determine the fit and once both parties agree it is a good fit, the care plan will be scheduled. Many of the staff are qualified to as a Personal Support Worker (PSW) to provide respite care through the state, have passed a background check, are safety certified and have experience. If HDE Home Care does not have someone on staff at the time, they will try to hire specifically for the family in need. \*Their website highlights providing care to seniors but HDE Home Care serves individuals of all ages.

**Community Access Services**

<http://communityaccessservices.org/>

In Home Support Coordinator: Hana Bristol

(503) 410-0723 (cell), hanna@cas-dd.org

Community Access Services is a private nonprofit organization that provides residential, community and employment services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Serving Oregonians for more than 27 years, Community Access Services is a trusted service provider dedicated to the advocacy of individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Contact Hana Bristol for hiring in-home support.

**RISE Portland**

<http://riseservicesinc.org/oregon-cat/>

Chad Craner

(503) 994-6355 X133

RISE is a nonprofit organization that specializes in home and community-based support services for children and adults with developmental and other disabilities. RISE expanded in Oregon in 1997 and has been providing quality services and programs and has been associated with some of the most creative and innovative programs and ideas for supporting people with disabilities and their families. Contact Chad Craner for hiring in-home support.

**Portland State University- Graduate School of Special Education**

Andi Pearson

(503) 725-5434, apearson@pdx.edu

Email a job posting for a personal support worker/respite provider and Andi will make the ad available for PSU students! PSU will not be involved in the coordination process for the employer and student, an interested student will contact you directly. Include as much information as possible in the job ad: job description, needed requirements, wage, contact information, etc. Make sure to include information about becoming a Respite Provider through Washington County if you plan to use your respite hours to pay for their service. Your Case Worker will be able to provide you information for getting them signed up.

**Other**

 Ask friends, family and other people in your community if they know anyone who would be interested in providing respite care. Often times, students in nursing or special education programs are looking for experience and a part time job.

* + Portland Community College, Education Program:  (971) 722-5191
	+ Portland Community College, Nursing Program: (971) 722-4795
	+ University of Portland, School of Nursing: (503) 943-7729

**Online Child Care and Employment Services**

* [www.care.com](http://www.care.com)
	+ Search for caregivers
* [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)
	+ Post an ad for free

**Job Ads**

If you are looking for a respite care providers on your own and not through an agency, you most likely will need to write a job ad. Below is an example of a job ad for a respite care provider.

**Respite Care Provider**

**Relief to Parents:** Providing relief for parents of children with disabilities through caring for their children.

**Personal Care:** Bathing, assisting in toileting and other activities of daily living

Tasks: You will be required to accommodate the child and family needs

**Childcare Experience:** Have ability to set limits, supervise and maintain a safe and positive environment. Be able to engage a child in a manner appropriate to his or her skill level.

**Compatibility:** Be able to provide service to the child in a friendly, patient and caring way.

**Effective Communication**: Be able to initiate and receive verbal communications between managers, clients and parents regarding how to deliver service and resolve issues.

**Ability to Track Hours:** Be able to track your hours based on assignments given to you by the office. Do not work for more respite hours than have been approved.

(From <http://www.manoshomecare.com/docs/respite_app.pdf>)

**Remember…**

Finding a respite care provider is a challenge that most families encounter! Keep searching and asking around. It will be worth it in the end!