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Providence House Receives Three National Awards

Local Agency Recognized for Program, Legislation and Documentary

Cleveland, Ohio – Providence House was honored last week with three awards at the 2009 National Respite and Crisis Nurseries Conference in Burbank, CA.. Providence House was named winner in each of the following categories:

- **Best Documentary:** *Providence House: Promises Kept*, produced by Glazen Creative Studios
- **Best Innovative Program Design:** Providence House “Days of Care” Crisis Nursery Program
- **Respitograhay Award:** honoring State Representative Matt Dolan for visionary public policy in his work as legislative sponsor for the passage of Ohio’s new Crisis Nursery Law SB242.

“It is such an honor for our agency to be recognized on a national level. We’re absolutely thrilled with the acknowledgment of our programs and services and could not be more grateful to the ARCH National Respite Network and Lifespan Respite Coalition for all of their initiative and advocacy to support lifespan respite providers and crisis nurseries across the US,” said Natalie Leek-Nelson, CEO and President of Providence House.

Leek-Nelson also presented two sessions at the national conference: Risk and Response in Crisis Respite: Evaluating Risk and Opportunity while Implementing Service Design Changes and Crises Averted: The Crisis Nursery Model and Family Outcomes. Each session was filled to capacity.

Providence House is Ohio’s first and one of the nation’s longest operating crisis nurseries. Today, Ohio remains one of only 13 states with formal crisis nursery legislation which supports 28-year old Providence House and the recently founded Blessing House in Lorain County.

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