

## **N442 Legacy Project - Crisis Nursery**

The Crisis Nursery gives families and children a source of support right before the crisis starts. It creates an “Island of Safety” for children aged 0 - 12 during difficult times. It is dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect by providing 24-hour emergency care for children. It supports and strengthens families during times of crisis. Crisis Nursery believes that asking for help is not a sign of weakness but strength. Acknowledging a situation before the crisis happens helps the children avoid experiencing traumatic abuse and neglect.

Crisis Nursery has operated for 40 years, serving families in the Champaign County area. Aside from the emergency services, The Crisis Nursery offers parenting education, parenting skills, and parenting confidence classes. Their Safe Children Program, Strong Families Program, Beyond Blue Program, and Paving Pathways Program are the only few programs they teach parents. Crisis Nursery is a non-profit organization funded by federal, state, local, and private entities. They boast a service fee and no income eligibility policy. The Crisis Nursery offers excellent opportunities for nursing students to experience providing opportunities for clinical growth, promoting family-centered nursing care, fostering a holistic approach, facilitating community collaboration, fostering trauma-informed care, and advancing preventive healthcare initiatives.