

## Parents Become Paid Caregivers With HomePointe HealthCare's Attendant Care

HomePointe HealthCare offers nursing for kids who have complex healthcare needs, providing tailor-made, hospital-level care in the comforts of their own home. The homecare model translates into nurses spending their shift with one client, rather than multiple, as they would in hospital or facility-based care.

"That means some of our nurses work overnight while the family sleeps or care for the child while the parents are at work,"

said Amanda Musser, HomePointe Administrator. "We have nurses who've been with their same client for 20+ years. They're just really part of the family." The long-term care helps their nurses identify potential issues early on, preventing hospitalizations.

"Continuity of care is important to us," Musser said. HomePointe's home-based pediatric care also serves young adults that have been with the agency since they were children.

Despite the difficulty of hiring new nurses, HomePointe has managed to attract 10 – 15 nurses in the last year; the agency now employs just over 100 RNs and LPNs as well as 25 personal care attendants. The relatively small agency provides services in 10 counties in Northeast Indiana and

seven Northwest Indiana counties.

In 2020, the State of Indiana recognized the difficulty of providing healthcare because of the pandemic. This paved the way for HomePointe's new program, Attendant Care, which allows for parents to become paid caregivers to their own children. Alexa Davis, Attendant Care parent: "I'm doing what I normally do every day, but with a paycheck! It helps alleviate the financial pressure in our household."

The Attendant program, however, doesn't take the place of their core skilled nursing services. RN Grace Lazum (nine years with HomePointe) is the nurse who helps Davis with her daughter. "The best part is taking care of the kids; they're treasures. I'm

very happy to be part of the team that cares for them alongside their parents."

HomePointe is honored to receive recognition as the 1st Place Readers' Choice winner for Best Home Health Care (two years in a row). "We want to serve as many children as possible," Musser said. "The more nurses we have, the more kids we can help have the best life possible."



Eloise with RN Grace Lazum



Eloise with her mother and Attendant Care parent Alexa Davis

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