

Respite Voucher Program

The Respite Voucher Program provides financial assistance to caregivers in the form of vouchers that can be used to pay for respite care so the caregiver can take a break. A caregiver is the person that is providing ongoing care for a loved-one. It can be a parent, grandparent, spouse, or adult child/grandchild. The voucher program is NOT designed to pay for ongoing care such as day care, therapy, in home assistance, housekeeping or home health services.

*Vouchers are awarded based on availability of funds.
Voucher may not be available throughout the year.*

Income Guidelines:

For caregivers who are taking care of someone who is age 60 and over, and Grandparents 55 and over there are no income requirements. The amount of the voucher will vary depending on funding.

For those caring for someone who is under the age of 60 and has a developmental disability, if the household income is under \$45,000 per year they may be eligible for a \$400.00 voucher for three months. If the household income is over \$45,000 but less than \$60,000 per year they may be eligible for a \$300.00 voucher for three months.

Who may qualify for the program:

- Grandparents raising grandchildren or other relative as parent. *Grandparent must be 55 or over or the grandchild must have a developmental disability.*
- Caregivers including spouses, adult children or other relative caring for a person age 60 or older who need assistance with daily living due to chronic health problems including Alzheimer's, dementia or other condition.
- Families who have adopted a child with special health care needs who was once in the custody of the Dept. of Human Services (DHS).
- Families with a member of any age with a developmental disability and NOT receiving either the Home & Community Based Waiver, the In-Home Support Waiver; or the Family Support Subsidy (\$250 monthly payment).
- Families who have a child receiving SSI and services through the SSI-Disabled Children's Program (DCP) at DHS.