DEFINITION OF RESPITE

For purposes of this application, respite care is defined as "planned or emergency care provided to a child or adult with special needs in order to provide temporary relief to family caregivers who are caring for that child or adult."

At this time, we are seeking innovative or exemplary practices for provision of direct respite services only, NOT for Lifespan Respite initiatives, which are defined as “coordinated systems of community-based respite for family caregivers of children or adults regardless of special need," or related activities.

DEFINITION OF CHILD OR ADULT WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

For purposes of this application, a child or adult with special needs is defined broadly to include a child or adult with a disability or chronic illness as well as a child or adult who may not have a disability or condition-specific diagnosis, but who has functional limitations, who may be at risk of abuse or neglect, homelessness, or who is otherwise vulnerable.