## Arizona Respite Funding and Eligibility Opportunities

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### What is the name of the program?

- **Family Caregiver Support Program**
- **See Notes**
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- Non-Title 19 SMI Services
- Healthy Families Arizona (HFAz) (a secondary child abuse and neglect home-based prevention program)

### Who is eligible for respite?

**Eligible family caregivers:**
- Adult family members or another individual who is an informal (unpaid) provider of care to an older individual (60 and over) or any individual with Alzheimer’s Disease or a related neurological disorder.
- Grandparent or step-grandparent of a child or a relative of a child by blood, marriage, or adoption, who is 55 years of age or older and:
  - Lives with a child 18 or under or an adult child age 19-59 with a disability. When it is an adult child with a disability, caregiver cannot be the parent.
  - Is the primary caregiver of the child because biological or adoptive parents are
- Non-Title XIX/XXI eligible persons determined to have a Serious Mental Illness
- Targeted to children under age 5 and their family members; respite must be specified in the family’s Individualized Service Plan.
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|                                | unable or unwilling to serve as primary caregiver of child.  
                                | o Has a legal relationship to the child, such as legal custody or guardianship, or is raising the child informally. There are no exclusions based on income. |                                 |                                 |              |              |
| How are respite services accessed? | Through partnerships with local Area Agencies on Aging, community-service providers and tribes. | Through Regional Behavioral Health Authorities | HFAz has “Emergency Funds” that contractors can use for respite services. |              |              |
| What is the cost of respite services? | Local programs can have sliding fee scale and accept voluntary contributions | Unknown | None to family |              |              |
| What limitations are there on the use of respite? | Unknown | Availability of state funding for respite services for this program varies across the contracted agencies. | Unknown |              |              |
| Where do I go to receive information on how to apply? | Primary link to respite services from this program are through the state’s local Area Agencies on Aging https://www.azdes.gov/daas/aaa/ | Regional Behavioral Health Authorities  
For eligibility determination, contact Dept of Economic Security at 602-542-4791 or visit Health-e-Arizona | See Contacts at: https://www.azdes.gov/intranet.aspx?menu=146&id=6458 |              |              |
Notes:

Information about respite offered or provided by every state agency may not be presented in this table, but it does not necessarily mean it is not available. To find additional information, see also:

- Respite services funded by the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) are not described in these tables. NFCSP funds respite for family caregivers of the aging population, anyone with Alzheimer’s or related dementias, or for grandparents or other relatives 55 or older caring for a grandchild or other relative with a disability. Information about how to access a local Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) can be found at the Family Caregiver Alliance’s Family Care Navigator or by contacting your local Area Agency on Aging through the ElderCare Locator;

- Respite services funded by Home and Community-Based 1915(c) Medicaid Waivers are not described in these tables. Information about these programs can be found at ARCH’s Home and Community-Based 1915(c) Medicaid Waivers for Respite Support: State-by-State Tables, Updated 2012; or

- Contact the designated state agency directly.

Eligibility is not guaranteed and information changes frequently. Be sure to check with the designated state agency for the most current eligibility guidelines and funding availability.

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