# Louisiana Respite Funding and Eligibility Opportunities

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**What is the name of the program?**
- Community and Family Supports
- See Notes
- Individual and Family Support Program
- Family Support Services
- And Crisis Management
- Respite

**Who is eligible for respite?**
- Caregivers of individuals age 22+ with a severe physical or cognitive disability that was manifested after age 22 but before age 55
- Caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities as defined by state law
- Family Support Services available to caregivers of children with serious emotional disturbances
- Crisis Management Services available on a 24-hr basis to provide quick, appropriate response for individuals experiencing acute distress.
- Children in foster care

**How are respite services accessed?**
- Unknown
- Through Behavioral Health regional offices.
- Through Community Family Resource Centers

**What is the cost of respite services?**
- Unknown
- Unknown
- Unknown
- None

**What limitations are there on the use of respite?**
- Limited funding available.
- Unknown
- Unknown
- 7 days per child per calendar year, with approval from caseworker and supervisor

**Where do I go to receive information on how to apply?**
- ARC of Louisiana
  - Tel: 225-383-1033
  - 866-966-6260
- Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities
  - Tel: 225-342-0095
  - 866-783-5553
  - Email: ocddinfo@la.gov
- Behavioral Health regional offices. See contacts at: [http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/directory/category/100](http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/directory/category/100)
- Individual caseworker

**Website**
- [http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/97/n/116](http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/97/n/116)
- [http://www.dss.state.la.us/assets/docs/searchable/OCS/fosterParenting/FosterParentHandbook0409.pdf](http://www.dss.state.la.us/assets/docs/searchable/OCS/fosterParenting/FosterParentHandbook0409.pdf)
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, check these resources:

- Respite services funded by the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) may not be described in this table. 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 this table. 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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