New Jersey Respite Funding and Eligibility Opportunities

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**What is the name of the program?**
- New Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC)
- Statewide Respite Care Program
- New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS)
- Family Support Services
- See Notes
- Respite

**Who is eligible for respite?**
- Age 60+
- Lives in a home he/she owns or rents, or in an unlicensed home of a relative or friend
- No alternate means to secure services
- Determined clinically eligible for nursing level of care
- Financially ineligible for Medicaid
- Monthly income at or below 365% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Liquid resources at or below $40,000 for an individual ($60,000 for a couple)
- Caregivers of elderly and functionally impaired adults age 18+ with liquid resources of $40,000 or less ($60,000 for a couple). Must meet income criteria
- Children under the age of three with a score of at least 2.0 standard deviations below the mean in one functional developmental area or at least 1.5 standard deviations below the mean in two or more developmental areas
- Individuals of any age determined to have a developmental disability
- At risk families, post-adoption families and resource families (Kinship and regular).

**How are respite services accessed?**
- Contact county Aging & Disability Resource Connection
- Respite options include companions, homemaker/home
- Call 888-653-4463 to connect to a regional system
- DDD selects agency to provide respite. In some cases, family
- Decisions are made on an individual basis with the
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<td>(ADRC) site</td>
<td>health aides, medical or social adult day care, temporary care in licensed medical facilities, camperships, private duty nursing, and caregiver-directed point of entry (SPOE) for the NJ EIS program Provider agencies are located throughout the state.</td>
<td>may choose self-directed respite. Out-of-home respite may include after-school/after-program activities, evening activities, weekend activities, short-term group home placement, or short-term stay in a community care residence.</td>
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<td>Cost share based on countable income</td>
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<td>Families with income over 300% of FPL are charged an hourly co-payment for services on a sliding scale. Monthly maximum fee is 5% of NJEIS determined income.</td>
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<td>JACC services are limited to a maximum of $600 per month or $7,200 annually. The service package provided is based on an assessment of the individual's needs, unique care plan, and availability of services and funding.</td>
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<td>Families can receive reimbursement for respite care through fee for service purchased service providers.</td>
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<td>Local sites can all be contacted through central phone number: 1-877-222-3737 For information from State agency: Call local area on aging at: 1-877-222-3737 Terry Harrison, Part C Coordinator Early Intervention System Tel: (609) 777-7734 Community Services Office for county of residence: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/staff/cso/">www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/staff/cso/</a></td>
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**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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