## Ohio Respite Funding and Eligibility Opportunities

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### What is the name of the program?

- Alzheimer’s Respite Program
- Family Support Services (FSSO)
- Family Centered Services and Support (FCSS) Program

(Purpose is to maintain children and youth in their own homes through the provision of non-clinical, community-based services- funded by multiple federal and state funding streams)

### Who is eligible for respite?

- Adult family members or other informal caregivers age 18 and older providing care to individuals 60 years of age and older or individuals of any age with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders
- Family must be caring for a person (child or adult) with intellectual or other developmental disabilities at home. Individual must be eligible for services through local County Board of Developmental Disabilities (even if the individual is not receiving County Board services at that specific time).
- The target population for FCSS are families with children (ages 0 through 21) with multi-systemic needs (e.g. mental health, poverty-related needs, special education, developmental disability, child abuse and neglect, substance use, and behavioral)

### How are respite services accessed?

- Contact the local County Board of Developmental Disabilities (see below)
- State-funded reimbursement program makes co-payments with the family to approved providers
- Families apply for service coordination and the FCSS through their local Family and Children First Council (FCFC).
- Respite services are an allowable use of the FCSS funds if it is included in their individualized family service plan (Note: in State FY 2012, respite was the second most frequently reported type of service reported for using FCCS funds.)

### What is the cost of respite services?

- A sliding fee scale is used to determine the percentage a family will pay for services

### What limitations are there on the use of respite?

- Contact the local County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- FCSS Funding available to local FCFCs varies each year.

### Where do I go to receive respite?

- County Boards of Developmental Disabilities
- Contact Local FCFCs: [http://www.fcf.ohio.gov/](http://www.fcf.ohio.gov/)
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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, 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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