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**What is the name of the program?**

- Alzheimer’s Family and Caregiver Support Program
- Community Options Program (COP)
- Family Support
- Unknown

**Who is eligible for respite?**

- Individuals with a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder.
- Net income must be $40,000 or less. If the couple’s income is more than $40,000, the costs related to Alzheimer’s can be subtracted from the gross income. If the net income is then less than $40,000, the couple would be eligible.
- Individuals, regardless of age or disability, who need the same levels of physical and mental health care as residents of an institution. Level of care determined by an automated level of care screen.
- Individuals under age 21 with a severe disability who are living at home.

**How are respite services accessed?**

- Accessed by the caregiver
- The long term care agency’s care manager helps the individual develop a plan of care.
- Family support coordinators help families develop an individualized service plan
- Through five pilot sites. See below

**What is the cost of respite services?**

- Funds for AFCSP are made available in each county to assist individuals to purchase services and goods related to the care of someone with Alzheimer’s disease.
- Couple expected to contribute to the cost of services based on their ability to pay.
- Rates are set when the individual’s care plan is developed and vary by provider and/or area of the state. There is no co-pay. However, a COP participant may have a cost share to be paid towards the cost of the entire care plan and not an individual service.
- Cost-sharing may be required on a sliding fee scale
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| **What limitations are there on the use of respite?** | Up to $4,000 per person may be available, depending on county’s priorities and person’s need for services. | • No state wide limits for respite.  
• Local limits may occur and are set by the local long term care planning committee.  
• As far as funding through COP, most counties have waiting lists.  
• COP cannot be used if an individual is eligible for a Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver. | Families may receive funding from the Family Support Program for services including, but not exclusively respite, with a total cost under the $3,000 cap set by law. | Unknown |
| **Where do I go to receive information on how to apply?** | Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources  
Tel: 608-266-2536  
OR  
County/Tribal Aging Office  
http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/contacts/COAGOF.HTM | County COP coordinator  
http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/LTC_COP/CONTACTS.HTM  
OR  
The local Aging Disability Resource Center  
Contact: Susan Larsen, (608) 267-9184  
Local County Family Support Coordinator  
http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/fsp/coordinators.htm  
OR  
Wisconsin First Step  
Tel: 800-642-7837  
TTY: 800-282-1663 | • Green Lake County Department of Health and Human Services, serving Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara Counties  
• Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin, serving Milwaukee, Waukesha and Washington Counties  
• Family Connections of Southwest Wisconsin, serving Grant, Iowa and Lafayette Counties  
• Green County Human Services Department, serving Green, Iowa and Lafayette Counties  
• New Horizons North, serving Ashland, Bayfield and Sawyer Counties |
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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