

Respite Voucher Program

The focus of the Voucher Program is **caregiver relief**. The SC Respite Coalition awards vouchers in the amount of \$500 to eligible family caregivers.

Our staff works with each approved family to find the best respite option for their needs. Vouchers are only used to pay for breaks from hands on caregiving.

They may not be used to pay:

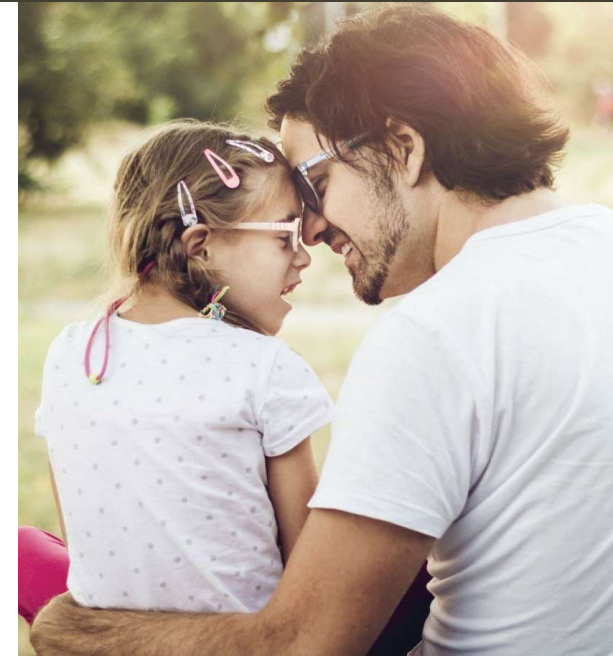
- the family caregiver directly for the care he/she is providing
- pay a family member who currently resides in the home
- pay for care while the caregiver goes to work
- pay for care that occurred before the voucher was issued
- pay medical bills or purchase medical supplies
- offset the cost of paid care already in place.

If you are interested in our respite voucher program, please call us and ask to speak to a voucher program staff member.

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What Is Respite?

Respite is temporary, short breaks from providing hands on care for a loved one with a significant disability, special need, or chronic illness.

Respite is an opportunity for the caregiver to rest, relax and recharge.

The physical, spiritual, emotional and social needs of the caregiver must be met or they will be unable to provide long term care.



Who We Are

The South Carolina Respite Coalition is the only statewide organization addressing the needs for respite across the lifespan for all persons caring for a child or adult who has special needs.

What We Do

We raise awareness about respite, highlighting that respite is a medical and mental health necessity for family caregivers. We bring together organizations working on respite, work with faith communities, and educate policy makers and the public on the needs of respite statewide.

It's okay to
take a break.



How We Help

- We can provide \$500 respite vouchers to eligible family caregivers! See the back for more information.
- We coach on how to train and select a respite care provider
- We encourage building informal support circles to increase respite opportunities.
- We share what we know about the benefits of a break for the health of caregivers as well as care receivers.

FACTS



Respite is the need most frequently identified by family caregivers of all ages.



Studies show that one in five South Carolina families are providing care to a loved one.



One in four of South Carolina's children have been diagnosed with one or more special needs.



Family caregivers for someone in mid-life manage largely alone.



Respite is a cost effective way to enable families to keep loved ones at home.

