Respite is a temporary, short break from providing care for a loved one who has a significant special need.

Respite is a chance for caregivers to rest, relax and recharge, reducing fatigue, stress and isolation.

1 in Four SC adults are caregivers.\(^1\)

610,000,000 hours of unpaid care are provided annually by SC family caregivers.\(^2\)

$7.6 Billion worth of care is provided annually by SC family caregivers.\(^3\)

≥ 20 Weekly hours of care are provided by nearly 1/3 of SC caregivers.\(^4\)

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

“There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers, those who are caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need caregivers.” — Rosalynn Carter
Since 2001, the SC Respite Coalition (SCRC) has been South Carolina's only organization committed to addressing the need for respite across the lifespan. If you are a caregiver for someone under the age of 60, call SCRC for assistance.

The South Carolina Department on Aging (SCDOA) is a state agency designed to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers to achieve safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives. If you are a caregiver for someone 60 or older, call SCDOA for assistance.

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GET HELP • GIVE HELP
If you or someone you know needs respite services or if you would like to find out how you can help, please contact the SC Respite Coalition or the SC Department on Aging.

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