



OKLAHOMA Human Services

A Helping Hand

Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) Respite Voucher Program

Are you a primary caregiver for a loved one who has a developmental disability?

The DDS respite voucher program is here to help when you need time to take care of yourself. This program provides temporary financial support to cover expenses of hiring a qualified person to care for your loved one until you return.



→ Who qualifies?

To qualify as a caregiver, you must be a parent, grandparent, spouse or adult child/grandchild providing full-time care and housing to a loved one with a developmental disability.

→ What to expect?

If approved, you as the caregiver will receive a set of three \$400 or \$500 vouchers. You then select the respite provider to care for your loved one, also known as the care recipient, and decide the pay rate.

The provider must be at least 18 years old and cannot live in your household. The provider must also attach a copy of their Social Security card or tax identification letter to the first voucher they submit.

→ What else you need to know to qualify:

- Care recipient must have a developmental disability.
- Care recipient does not receive DDS Home and Community-Based Waiver Services..
- Care recipient receives less than 20 hours per week of state-funded or Medicaid services (some exceptions apply).
- If in DHS custody, the care recipient must be living in a relative's home.
- Caregiver does not receive the Family Support Assistance Payment on behalf of the care recipient.
- Caregiver must not receive respite services funded through another state or federal program.
- Caregiver must live with and provide at least eight hours per day of care to an eligible recipient.
- Caregiver's gross income is less than \$75,000.
- Caregiver must live in Oklahoma.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFO, CALL OR EMAIL:



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