

# **Respite Care Procedures**

## **Description**

Respite is intermittent, temporary relief to the usual non-paid caregiver from the continuous support and/or care of the individual. Respite components are supervision, tasks related to the individual's physical and psychological needs, and social/recreational activities and are documented in the IPP.

## **Eligibility**

RVS provides respite services to children and adults as deemed eligible by NE-DHHS.

Respite funding for 720 hours or 30 days per state fiscal year is available under the following conditions:

1. An individual must be determined eligible for DD services;
2. An individual lives with his/her family or unpaid caregiver;
3. An individual must be receiving DDD Service Coordination;
4. The need for respite is documented in the person's IPP/IFSP/ASP.

## **Staffing Requirements**

Respite providers must:

- Be RVS employees
- Be 19 years of age or older
- Completed all required RVS training
- Successfully complete criminal history and registry checks

## **Provision of Services**

1. RVS will deliver respite services in the individual's home or in another location.
2. RVS will ensure documentation in the IPP of the plan for the provision of respite services including the amount of respite time needed for the individual supported.
3. RVS will ensure that the individual's needs are met and that habilitation techniques and/or supports are consistent with those delivered as habilitation.
4. RVS will implement the services and supervision identified on the IPP/IFSP during the respite period.
5. RVS will ensure that individuals who are receiving respite services in a DD provider-managed location do not utilize the bed or other person items of an individual who resides at this location.