



Special Kids  
Special Families

#### OUR MISSION

To promote, strengthen, and support  
individuals with disabilities,  
their families and caregivers



# Respite Care Provider

Do you believe that your gifts and talents lie in helping others? We have a need for caregivers and experienced professionals who are willing to be trained and can work with children, teens or adults.

Providing respite means giving a family a break or providing crisis care and intervention in which the trauma is seriously impacting other members of the family. Respite gives foster parents, kinship parents and caregivers the chance to have short periods of time apart in which they can rest, regroup and reassess. The break is provided by you, either in your home, or in the individual's home.

While respite care is designed primarily to provide rest and relief for the primary caregivers, the child, teen or adult in respite care also benefits. A temporary change of caregiver gives them the opportunity to build new relationships and experience a bit of independence. Quality respite care can support and nurture the child's sense of trust and stability through contact with other caring adults and their families.

Our respite opportunities are varied, and we would work with you to determine what program(s) best work for you. The background of the individuals in need may be a physical or developmental disability, social and emotional challenges, and they may be in need of a time away from an escalating situation. Compensation is based on level of care.

#### Basic Requirements for Respite Caregiver:

- Must be at least 21 years old;
- Caring and concerning ability to relate to others and their specific situations;
- Professional skills and demeanor;
- Ability to work with the agency and with other members of the individual/family team;
- Ability to write reports and document daily events;
- Flexibility to work with crisis respite situations as well as for planned situations.

For more information and/or  
to obtain an application contact

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