

Statewide Respite Care Program

The New Jersey Statewide Respite Care Program gives a short-term or periodic break to family (or other caregivers) from the demands of daily care for functionally impaired persons, including older adults. The sliding scale ranges from 0% to 25% of the cost of services, based on the care recipient's (and spouse's) income.

This program provides respite care services in order to relieve caregivers of stress from providing daily care. This respite may be provided for a short time, or once in a while. For example, services could be provided to:

- Allow the caregiver to take a vacation
- Cover care when a caregiver needs surgery or has an emergency
- Give the caregiver time to take care of him/herself, run errands, etc.

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The person being cared for (the "care recipient") must:

1. Receive daily, basic care and/or daily supervision by an uncompensated caregiver (spouse, family, friend, etc.) who is age 18 or older.
2. Have functional impairments that require the care of another person, certified by the care recipient's licensed medical provider.
3. Be age 18 or older.
4. Reside in the community (not in a facility).
5. Have documented evidence of eligibility according to income and asset guidelines.
6. Be a resident of the state of New Jersey.
7. Not currently participate in [MLTSS](#), [JACC](#), [Alzheimer's Adult Day Services Program](#), or [Congregate Housing Services Program](#). A participant can switch from JACC or the Alzheimer's Adult Day Services program and onto Statewide Respite.

There is a Statewide Respite Care Program in every county. To reach the Statewide Respite Care program in your county, please call the [Aging and Disability Resource Connection \(ADRC\)](#) toll free at [1-877-222-3737](#).

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