

Respite Care Programs

Requirements and Responsibilities

Senior, Respite, and Veteran Service Programs

Please read this information carefully before signing up for any of the respite care programs we offer.

Senior, Respite, and Veteran Service Programs through Community Action Team offer three respite care programs for clients and their families. Once you qualify for our respite care program we will place you in the best respite care program that meets your specific family care needs.

THE PROGRAMS:

Older Americans Act Respite:

This is a family care giving program for seniors 60 years of age and over providing care to a family member in the person's home. The program provides a trained respite care giver to give the primary family care giver a break.

Lifespan Respite:

This is a state program that we manage. The purpose of the program is providing respite care to family care giving situations. Some examples of care giving situations could be- wife caring for husband with Alzheimer's Disease, parents caring for children with special needs, or daughter caring for mother who is receiving hospice services.

United Way Respite:

This program has been used to provide respite care to grand parents caring for grandchildren because the primary parents are no longer in the picture for one reason or another.

WHAT IS RESPITE CARE?

- Respite care is designed to give the primary family care giver a break from his or her primary care duties. Respite Care is also designed to be short term, not ongoing and indefinite.

The care provider assigned to provide relief to the primary family care giver is there to ensure that the basic needs of the client are maintained while the primary care giver is away.

RESPIRE CARE CONTINUED:

- If you, or your family, are looking for a respite care giver to do housekeeping, complex nursing care, or primary personal care, then these respite programs are **NOT** for you.

Our Respite care givers are in the home to maintain the client's safety and ensure that the "status quo" of the house is maintained.

- Before respite care can start a "task sheet" is filled out so that the respite care duties are clear between the client, family member, and respite care giver.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

- To qualify for respite care you must fill out a respite program application. The application is basic, however we encourage you to fill the application out completely and add as much detail as possible so we can determine care needs and what program best fits your family situation.
- The Senior, Respite, and Veteran Service, Program Staff will review your application and prioritize the application based on need and our budget limitations.
- If your application is approved then you will be contacted by a case manager in your area and they will assist you in choosing a respite care provider in your area. You must choose the care giver that you feel meets your family needs based on the criteria as stated above.
- You will be given a **\$500.00** stipend per year. The stipends are based on funding availability from federal, state, and local agencies.
- The stipend you are given is held by our agency and used to pay your respite care giver. You can use the stipend in what ever way you want to provide care for your family member.

It is important to note that once your \$500.00 stipend is gone then the respite care we provide you will **STOP**.

- Care providers are paid by us at a standard rate of **\$9.00** per hour unless another rate is pre arranged.

- Pay vouchers for the care providers are issued monthly by our office and paid monthly. The pay vouchers needs to be turned in each month by the care provider, even if NO hours are used in that month. A new pay voucher for the care provider is mailed out with each check issued.
- *Please remember that the respite care we provide you through this program is **NOT** an ongoing service, but is designed to be short term based on need and funding availability. Our programs are trying to serve as many people as possible in Columbia County with limited funding allocations.*

If you have questions about these programs you should address your questions to:

Ken Corliss, OPI/Respite Case Manager at **503-366-6581** or Juliann Davis, Program Assistant at **503-366-6584**.

We want to thank-you for your interest in our Respite Care Programs for Columbia County.

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