

Lifespan Respite Care Grant Service

The Lifespan Respite Care Grant program began in 2006 with the Lifespan Respite Care Act. This program is to help family caregivers of children and adults with special needs access affordable community-based respite services. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides competitive grants to state agencies to build and support statewide respite system. ND originally was awarded the federal grant in 2017. Operated under ND DHHS Aging Services department. Today ND has continued to apply and is offering Lifespan Respite services in ND.

In ND, the purpose of the Lifespan Respite Care Grant Service is to offer funding to support emergency or

urgent need for respite care in absence of any other public funding. This is eligible for children with special needs or of adults who have the urgent need.

Some examples of the need may be:

- Caregiver illness or hospitalization
- Caregiver medical appointments
- Damage to a caregivers'/care recipients' home (fire, weather, flood and etc...)
- Risk of employment loss
- Caregiver/care recipient conflicts
- Abuse /Neglect
- Death of loved one.

This list is not limited to the above.

Eligibility requirements for the program are:

- Must meet definition of caregiver.
- Does not have access to other public funding.

- Lives with care recipient or primary caregiver does not live with care recipient but must make frequent on-site visits with care recipient that occur throughout the day for health and safety.

Respite can be delivered through a provider, a family member that does not live with the care recipient, or an agency that is licensed to operate respite services.

Respite funding is capped and limited. This program is meant for critical need for respite services and to be temporary until another source of funding could be available.

Request for the respite service will **only** be accepted from agencies working with the caregiver and caregiver recipient. No direct referrals from the caregiver, nor family of caregiver will be accepted.

After initial funding, an agency may request additional funds and will be considered on a case-by-case situation.

Lifespan Respite Care Application

<https://www.nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn00548.pdf>

Respite Provider Agreement

<https://www.nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn00559.pdf>

IRS Substitute W-9 Form

<https://www.nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn53656.pdf>

Provider Service Log

<https://www.nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn00546.pdf>

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