

COMMUNITY LIVING disABILITY SERVICES

Subject: **Support Services: Funding Supports –
Respite Funding**

ADULT DISABILITY SERVICES

PURPOSE

Respite provides the primary caregiver with short-term supports to assist them with the provision of continuous care to individuals with a mental disability.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide support which will enable primary caregivers to continue to provide community based residential care.
2. To provide short-term alternative care which will be minimally disruptive to the individual's ongoing lifestyle and in the least restrictive environment.

DESCRIPTION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The primary residential caregivers who are eligible for respite include:

- the individual's natural family; and
- Home Share providers.

Individuals residing in agency-operated Residential Care Facilities are not eligible for Respite. Respite can be provided by agency-operated Residential Care Facilities for out-of-home respite for individuals residing in other living situations as described above.

OPTIONS

Respite may be provided via a variety of arrangements suited to individual needs, namely:

1. an assortment of settings including, but not restricted to, the following:
 - the home of the individual with a mental disability;
 - the home of the respite provider;
 - some other location appropriate to the needs and wishes of the person with a mental disability (e.g. movie); or
 - a camp or recreation/leisure program.
2. a Residential Care Facility where:
 - the resource is suitable to meet the needs of the individual;
 - care and supervision is provided as specified by the Community Service Worker; and
 - the facility is appropriately licensed for the number of individuals which can be physically accommodated in the facility for both permanent and respite care.

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PROCESS

Requests for Respite are assessed by the individual’s Community Service Worker. Refer to Appendix A (C100.2.2A) for a sample invoice to be used by external agencies, service providers and suppliers.

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