



Locally Funded Planned Respite

Locally Funded Planned Respite is a new program to allow routine caregivers relief from the day-to-day responsibilities of caring for their loved one. This program is administered by the Southwest Ohio Council of Governments (SWOCOG) and is designed to prevent emergencies, decrease burnout, and improve quality of life for both the caregivers and the person served.

- Locally Funded Planned Respite is available to anyone eligible for services from Hamilton County DD Services who lives with family and does not have a waiver (including all DD, Ohio Homecare, or Department of Aging waivers).
- Families may select any DD-certified provider or a non-certified caregiver, including family, friends, or neighbors. The person providing services must be 18 years of age or older, must not live with the person being served, and must not be the person's parent or primary caregiver.
- Families are responsible for ensuring that the person providing the service completes the necessary paperwork required for Locally Funded Planned Respite funding.
- Once a family has been enrolled in the program, they will receive funding in the form of vouchers. Families may specify the voucher denominations and may choose to receive services on a full-day, half-day, or hourly basis.
- This program is not meant to cover the cost of routine childcare for a working caregiver. Vouchers are not authorized for day care centers, home daycare, or nannies. Vouchers are also not authorized for summer camps, hobby lessons, or recreation.
- Funding is limited to \$1,200 per calendar year, per person served (\$600 for the remainder of 2019). The program is limited to the availability of funds, so funding is not guaranteed. Families must reapply for this program each calendar year.

To learn more or apply for this program, contact your service and support administrator (SSA). If you don't have an SSA, contact our Introduction and Eligibility team at fssp.respite@hamiltondds.org.