

Unique ways in which GCSS can be of help:

- Family-centered approach with supports customized for each individual's needs
- Family-centered flexible range of options to meet needs based on financial resources available
- GCSS has one of the most extensive lists of providers in metro Atlanta

Mission

To enrich the lives of people and their families by providing information, advocacy, and support which creates choices to participate in the life of the community.

Vision

Georgia Community Support and Solutions is the leader in the development and delivery of innovative services for people in the community.



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RESPITE

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Respite is designed to provide temporary relief to families from their daily care-giving responsibilities. When a family member has needs that require special attention, the family often has additional stress. Respite allows family members to have precious time alone or to renew relationships with friends and other family members.

Who is eligible and how much does it cost?

Individuals eligible for respite services are three years of age or older, have a diagnosed developmental disability and live within the funded region (Cobb, Douglas, Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale and Newton counties).

What does it cost?

Fees are based on a sliding scale according, but not limited, to the number of individuals living in the household, the total household income and the individual's level of skill. Arrangements can be made available for families with limited resources.

Funding for the Respite Program is made possible in part by the Department of Human Resources Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Additive Diseases.

How much respite is available?

Each guest is **eligible** for up to 30 days of respite per fiscal year, depending on funding availability.

What are my respite options?

- Respite is designed to be flexible for families. All respite options are based on the family's choice, including who is chosen to be the respite provider.
- Respite services can be provided
 - In your home,
 - In another family's home (a host home),
 - At an authorized location (facility or group home),
 - Or in the home of someone you know (single family home).
- Respite providers have previous experience working with individuals with various abilities.
- All providers are screened and have CPR and First Aid certifications.
- Families are encouraged to do additional interviews to ensure a compatible match is made between the provider and the participant.

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