



Emergency Respite Care Program

What is the Emergency Respite Care Program?

The Emergency Respite Care (ERC) Program with lead agency IDHS-DDD, coordinated through the Illinois Respite Coalition (IRC), is intended to help caregivers of individuals across the lifespan with any disability. The IRC is able to offer funding to support caregivers in a planned or unplanned emergency. In a crisis or emergency situation, the ERC Program stipend helps to cover the cost of supervision for the caregiver's loved one.

Who is eligible?

Eligible individuals are caregivers who live in Illinois who are caring for a loved one of any age with a disability and not receiving any other state or waiver funding. Eligible caregivers are considered to be in an emergency situation where no other services are available to assist them in a time of crisis.

What is the goal of the ERC Program?

The ERC Program's goal is to assist caregivers in crisis. The IRC wants to minimize the number of caregivers who go without services during an emergency situation. The secondary goal is to set up caregivers with services during/after emergency respite funding has been utilized. Temporary emergency respite funding is short-term support to assist caregivers in their time of need. For more information regarding this program and more sustainable options please contact us.

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