



NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

Reporting Form

DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice: Division of Social Services/ Child Welfare Services/
Community Prevention Programs

Date of this Notice: February 22, 2021

Title of the Funding Program: North Carolina Respite Program Services

Purpose of Program:

The purpose of the NC Respite Program Services RFA is to award grant funds to public, private, or tribal agencies to provide respite services for children and families in North Carolina. These community-based services reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect by promoting protective factors that strengthen and support families to improve children's safety, stability, and well-being.

North Carolina Respite Program Services advance the NCDHHS' vision that *All North Carolinians will enjoy optimal health and well-being*. Families and caregivers will be at greater risk of abuse and/or neglect of children if Respite Program Services are not provided.

Contractors will submit renewal documents for SFY 2023 and SFY 2024. Renewal will not be competitive, but will depend on the availability of funding, contractor performance, and contractual compliance.

Description of the Program:

Respite is a short-term service provided in the temporary absence of the regular caregiver to children who are at risk of victimization and/or children who have disabilities, chronic or terminal illness. This service is provided within or outside the child's home and is intended to enable the family to stay together and to keep the child(ren) living at home and in the community.

North Carolina Respite Program will help prevent child abuse and neglect by providing outreach, support and services to children and their families identified to reduce risk factors and promote protective factors, including parental resilience, social connections, concrete supports, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional competence of children. In addition, North Carolina Respite Program applicants must meet *all* of the following requirements to be eligible for funding:

1. Provide voluntary services based on the Principles of Family Support Practice.
2. Demonstrate a commitment to meaningful parent engagement and leadership opportunities.
3. Provide prevention services that target populations most at risk of child abuse or neglect.
4. Promote the five protective factors linked to lower incidence of child abuse and neglect.

5. Describe emerging evidence that demonstrates respite services' positive impact on children and their families in their application.
6. Use evaluation tools to demonstrate positive outcomes for children and families.
7. Promote racial equity, diversity and inclusion within the agency and programs.

Eligibility:

Any tribal government, community-based, public or private nonprofit, tax-exempt organization (including faith-based), school system or local government agency that is duly incorporated and registered under NC Statutes is eligible to apply if they meet the following requirements:

- Applicants have completed registration with the [NC Secretary of State](#).
- Applicants' Employer Identification Number (EIN), IRS tax exemption status documents, and registration with the Secretary of State must be consistent with both the name of agency and the EIN provided on the Family Support Application.
- Applicants and subcontractors follow [E-Verify](#) requirements found in [HB36](#) & [HB786](#), which requires employers with 25 or more employees to verify the work authorization of new employees working 9 months or more in a 12 month period through E Verify. This law also requires Contractors and Subcontractors of public agencies to comply with [Article 2: Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes: Verification of Work Authorization](#) requirements.
- If applicable, applicants must have an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) exemption letter on file.

How to Apply:

Visit <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/public-notices> to download the application.
Please open it with Internet Explorer or Chrome.

Technical Assistance Webinar: February 26, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
[Respite Program Services RFA Technical Assistance Webinar](#)

Question Submission Deadline: March 2, 2021 by 5:00 pm at Wendy.Clewis@dhhs.nc.gov

Letter of Intent Deadline: March 10, 2021 by 5:00 pm at Wendy.Clewis@dhhs.nc.gov

Application Deadline: March 19, 2021 by 5:00 pm at Wendy.Clewis@dhhs.nc.gov

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