

RESPITE FALL NEWSLETTER 2012

RESPITE provides temporary or short-term care to unpaid caregivers allowing them time to engage in activities that they find relaxing, entertaining or restful.

WHAT'S NEW

Annual Respite Renewal Forms:

Renewal Respite paperwork must be completed on a yearly basis. The time line for this process has been changed. All families receiving respite must complete the annual paperwork each Fall. Renewal packets are included with this newsletter.

Respite Allotment for Families with Two or More Children with the Same Respite Provider:

Beginning July 15, 2012, the respite rules were modified for families with more than one child receiving respite care funds. The maximum you can bill, if you are billing for both children at once is \$7.50 per hour for each or a maximum of \$75.00 per day for each child. You can no longer bill for two or more children at the same time at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, or \$100.00 per day. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Arens at 517-346-9502.

Autism:

Beginning Oct. 1st, 2012 legislation was passed to provide autism benefits for children with private insurance. Check with your private insurance carrier to see if you qualify. Beginning January, 2013, Medicaid will also have a new benefit for children with autism. Contact Pat Miller @ 346-9605 and/or Mid Michigan Autism at www.midmichiganautism.org

Good News:

New CEI-CMH Website coming soon in 2012.

Special Olympics:

Interested in participating in Special Olympics? If you live in Eaton or Ingham County, please contact Ann for more information @517-887-1175. For Clinton County contact Debbie Cornell @517-669-7704.

Transition Committee:

Our transitions committee has educational materials that are

available. If you have someone that is having a transition IEP, you may request to have a CMH CSDD representative present to discuss service options. Contact Lisa Arens..

Respite Vouchers:

Please be advised that Respite Vouchers have been revised as of 03/2012. You may obtain new copies by contacting Carisa Visser or via our website at www.ceicmh.org. Older vouchers will be returned.



Expect Slower Delivery

The U.S. Postal Service has announced that first-class, stamped envelopes will no longer be delivered next day in 2012. This will delay the arrival of respite vouchers and paychecks to employees, by two, three or maybe more days.

Electronic Newsletters:

Receive the Respite Newsletters electronically. If interested, please contact Darlene Cole at cole@ceicmh.org. Indicate the child/adult consumer's name, age, your email address and county of residence.

Important Dates

Up-Coming
 CMH Closed
 Holidays for
 2012-2013

- November 12, 2012
- November 22 and 23, 2012
- December 24, 25 and 31, 2012
- January 1 and 21, 2013
- February 18, 2013
- May 27, 2013

How To Contact Us:

- **Kathy Vogel**—(517) 346-9539 for information regarding Annual Plan of Service, Provider Information and General Camp questions.
- **Lisa Arens**—(517) 346-9502 or arensl@ceicmh.org for Camp Billing questions.
- **Carisa Visser**—(517) 346-9510 or visser@ceicmh.org for information regarding Enrollment Forms, Respite Vouchers and Fund Balances.

POTTER PARK ZOO EVENT



DATE: Saturday, 11/17/2012

TIME: 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

WHERE: 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI

- *Face Painting
- *Goodie Bags
- *Storytime & free books with Great Start
- *Live Animal Station
- *Food, Drinks and Music
- *Free hats and mittens



FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS ONLY!!!!

Respite Vouchers must be submitted to us by the 5th of the following month. For example, all February vouchers are due to CMH by March 5th. This gives us adequate time to check over the vouchers and get them to the FI in a timely manner. If the vouchers are sent in after the first week of the following month, it will be up to us to deny or approve those vouchers. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Arens at 1-517-346-9502.

RESPITE ALLOTMENT FOR 2013:

	One Eligible Person	Two Eligible Persons	Three or More Persons
1/1/13 — 6/30/13 (First Allotment)	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00
7/1/13 — 12/31/13 (Second Allotment)	\$800.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,000.00



Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I access respite? If you qualify for respite services but are not using them, talk with your Case Manager about how to access services. If you do not have a Case Manager, contact Kathy Vogel at (517) 346-9539.

How often can I use respite? Respite is a service that is meant to be used to provide a break for a primary caregiver on a temporary and intermittent basis. Respite services will not pay for ongoing childcare.

How do I find someone to care for my family member? Families often find respite providers using the following community resources:

- **GREAT START CENTRAL REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER (CRRC), formerly known as OFFICE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN (OYC) has a listing of day care providers and resource information. Some of these providers may be willing to do respite. CRRC may be contacted at 1-800-234-6996. This office provides service to the following counties: Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Ionia, Gratiot, Gladwin, Isabella and Midland.**
- **CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL; some families have been successful in locating a family friend this way.**
- **PLACE A HELP WANTED AD AT THE LOCAL CHURCH YOU ATTEND.**
- **PLEASE NOTE: Parents are considered the employer of a family friend. As employers, you are responsible for obtaining referrals, interviewing, doing police checks, getting employment history, checking experience, providing training specific to your adult or child receiving respite care.**

Reminders:

Messages:

When leaving a phone message PLEASE give your name, the child/adult name and a contact number. Also, Suite 114 MUST be on any mail you send to us. The Post Office may not deliver your mail without this. If you would like to see Kathy Vogel or Carisa Visser in person, you must call ahead to make an appointment.

Payment Processing:

Vouchers are processed two times per month. Respite vouchers must be submitted to us by the 5th of the following month. For example, all February vouchers are due to CMH by March 5th. Please allow up to two weeks for processing when dropping off and three weeks for processing when mailed. Please note: when paying respite providers, there is a \$100.00 maximum daily charge and \$10.00 maximum hourly charge for one child and a \$75.00 maximum daily charge and \$7.50 maximum hourly charge for two or more children with the same respite provider. For questions regarding Medicaid respite payments and tax withholding questions, please contact Stuart Wilson's office at 1-989-832-5400.

Tax Information:

If you receive regular family friend respite and have more than one (1) respite provider, please contact Stuart Wilson's office for tax forms.

In Preparation of Your Family Member Becoming 18 Years of Age:

- Apply for Medicaid through the Department of Human Services. If you have a primary insurance, this will not be a replacement, only a secondary source of insurance. If you qualify, Medicaid can help to pay for respite services.
- Apply for Adult Home Help through the Department of Human Services. This program can provide financial assistance to pay for personal care such as: bathing, grooming, housework, meal preparation, laundry etc.
- Apply for SSI through the Social Security Administration.
- If you are considering applying for Guardianship or an alternative to Guardianship, you may want to discuss your family's options with your family member's school social worker and file any necessary paperwork with the probate court.