

Advocates for Developmental Disabilities
CRITERIA FOR
RESPITE CARE/SPECIAL SITTERS FUNDS

A REQUEST MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. The individual must have a developmental disability, including but not limited to, medically fragile, mentally challenged, have cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or a physical handicap.
2. **The request is made for Respite Care/Special Sitters for which no other resources are available such as MR/RC or DD waiver, TBI, CADI or CAC waiver, Family Support Grant or Consumer Support Grant. Please check with your caseworker before making a request.**
3. The request is made for Respite Care/Special Sitters which would cause a financial hardship for the individual.
4. For those who need a sitter, please inquire about Advocates for Developmental Disabilities Special Sitters Program.

A REQUEST SHOULD FOLLOW THIS PROCESS:

1. Each request will be reviewed by the Director and the Respite Care Committee to maintain confidentiality. The committee has the right to deny the request.
2. Applicant is responsible to pay 25% of the total request.
3. **Families are responsible for paying the Provider/Sitter.** Reimbursement will be made to the family, if approved, after ADD receives the signed Respite Care/Special Sitters Application Form.
4. Emergency Funds will be received by the ADD Director and at least one member of the Respite Care Committee for approval.
5. **There will be a cap of \$200.00 for each individual per year, as funding permits.**