

Families enrolled in Family Support Services can access funding for the following:

In-Home Respite

A family member/relative, friend, or certified provider may care for your loved one at home on a temporary short-term basis.

Out-of-Home Respite

Respite Care is provided through enrichment activities that promote socialization outside the family home.

Incontinence Supplies

Supplies may be available for adults and children 3+ which are not eligible for payment through other insurance programs.

Specialized Nutrition

Specialized nutrition that complements a meal and which is required to meet daily caloric and nutritional requirements.

Specialized Equipment

Special equipment may be available upon the recommendation of a medical professional. Examples include sensory, therapy, and adaptive items.



Transportation

Transport includes getting to, from, between, or among: A place of employment, a location for adult day supports, vocational habilitation, appointments, events, and volunteer activities.

Recreation & Camp Opportunities

Day or overnight camp opportunities that meet the needs of the person may be funded under this program.

Services for Infants/Toddlers

The Family Support Services program may assist in funding traditional therapies, such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy for children under the age of three which are not eligible for payment through other insurance programs.

Home Modifications

Substantial adaptive home modifications may be requested through the Family Support Services program when not eligible for through other insurance programs. Examples include ramps, lifts, stair glides, and bathroom modifications.

Providers

A family can choose a provider (a care-giver) to help their family member or they may choose a respite provider that is certified through the County Board of DD. Certified respite providers must have experience in the field of DD and participate in training, including, but not limited to:

- First Aid and CPR Certification
- Experience: An understanding of the challenges individuals with disabilities may have.

Benefits of Respite

The major benefits of Respite include:

- Caregivers have a chance to rest and to return home feeling re-energized.
- Help for parents in handling the daily routines of parenting.

Eligibility

Family Support Services are available to families who are eligible for Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities services and not currently enrolled on a Waiver or reside in a facility.



What are family support services?

Family Support Services (FSS) funds are designated for individuals (children and adults) living at home with their families, people who live on their own, or people who live in foster care. The use of FSS funds are to be directly related to improving the living environment and/or facilitating the care of the individual.

Family Support Services might be just the answer you are looking for...



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