

Program Eligibility:

HEALTH STATUS:

The applicant or authorized agent must provide a Physician's Statement declaring that the patient has Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias resulting from causes such as: Multi-infarct dementia, Parkinson's Disease, Lewy Body Dementia, Huntington's Disease, Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus, or Pick's Disease.

INCOME AND ASSETS:

The applicant cannot be covered by the CT Homecare Program for Elders. The applicant must have an income of no more than \$58,772 a year and liquid assets of \$156,253 or less.

More Information:

Area Agencies on Aging

Statewide Toll-free Phone:
(800) 994-9422

Senior Resources
Phone: (860) 887-3561

North Central Area Agency on
Aging: Phone: (860) 724-6443

Agency on Aging of South Central
Connecticut
Phone: (203) 785-8533

Southwestern Connecticut Agency
on Aging
Phone: (203) 333-9288

Western Connecticut Area Agency
on Aging
Phone: (203) 757-5449

**Connecticut Chapter
Alzheimer's
Association Phone:
(800) 272-3900**

Connecticut Department on Aging

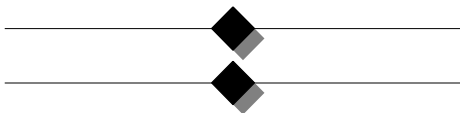
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Connecticut Statewide Respite Care Program

Offering daytime or overnight relief for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or related dementias.



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The Need for Respite

Respite care provides a break, or a time of caregiver relief, from the constant physical and emotional stress of caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. The task of caring for a person with dementia is overwhelming. Family caregivers often develop stress-related illnesses such as heart disease, hypertension, or ulcers. An occasional break allows an exhausted caregiver to regroup, both physically and emotionally, and to find the strength to carry on.

Respite truly saves caregiver's lives. With financial assistance, many family caregivers who would not otherwise use this service will have the opportunity to obtain temporary relief for themselves. As a result, the individual with dementia may remain at home for much longer than would otherwise be possible.

Description of this Program

The Connecticut Statewide Respite Care Program is funded by the State Department on Aging and is operated in partnership with the Connecticut Area Agencies on Aging and the Connecticut Chapter of The Alzheimer's Association.

The program offers families the opportunity to receive an assessment of services needed and have a care plan developed that includes the provision of services for the individual with dementia. Eligible families may apply for daytime or overnight respite care services that may include: Adult day care, cognitive fitness training, home health aide, homemaker, companion, personal care assistants, skilled nursing care or short term nursing care.

Contact any of the agencies

listed on the back of this brochure to request an

application.

Return a completed

application form and

attachments as directed. A 20% co-payment of the cost of

services is required.

A Care Manager from the local

Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

will contact the applicant and/or

or caregiver, assess the care

needs of the person with

dementia, and discuss whether

traditional or self-directed

services are appropriate.

A plan of care is set up that

may include the services of an

agency, (traditional), the

provision of services by an

individual the family selects

(self-directed), or both and the

respite service or services are

arranged.