

About Us

Pennsylvania MENTOR's Respite Brokerage Program uses a network of local providers to deliver quality respite services to individuals and their families.

Mission and Values

We believe that individuals should have the opportunity to receive services and supports in their own communities regardless of the complexity of their condition, severity of their disability, or challenges of their behavior.

Some of Our Values

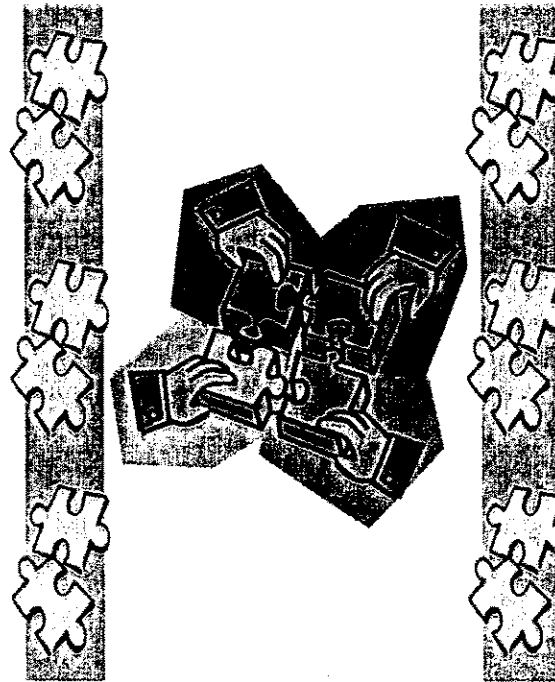
We believe that human relationships are the basis for growth and change.

We are committed to finding positive solutions for both the individuals we serve and their families.

We believe that in natural community settings, the individuals we serve have the best opportunity to develop relationships and to realize their full potential.

Getting Started

If you are interested in respite service for a member of your family or someone you currently provide services to, contact the the Respite Brokerage Program for more information.



Contact Us!

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RESPITE SERVICES

**Through the
Brokerage Program**

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What Are Respite Services?

We know that caring for individuals with special needs can be both emotionally and physically taxing. Respite services can help.

Respite is defined as a temporary relief for primary caregivers. The Respite Brokerage Program aims to give rest and relief to those caregivers of children with behavioral health problems and adults with mental health disabilities.

There are two types of respite services, in-home and out-of-home:

•In-home respite services are provided inside your own home. We understand that changing environments can be hard for some individuals therefore, using in-home respite services eases those stressors.

•Out-of-home respite services occur **outside your family's home** with someone trained to care for individuals with special needs. These services can occur in several types of settings:

-*Family Placement* -respite within a family setting.

-*Residential/Facility Placement* - respite within a group home, residential, or community living setting.

Benefits of Respite Services

Sometimes we all need a break. Time to relax and reconnect with others. Respite services gives you this break while making sure your loved one's needs are met in a safe and caring environment.

What is the Respite Brokerage Program and What Does It Do?

The Respite Brokerage Program is here to offer support for families with individuals that require extraordinary care. Pennsylvania MENTOR has developed a program aimed at making respite services available to those that normally would not receive them. The program has created a network of providers ready to provide respite services to children, youth and adults in need.

The Respite Brokerage network utilizes host homes, foster homes, residential settings and direct care staff who are educated and trained to manage individuals with all levels of behavioral health problems and developmental disabilities. Once the program receives a referral, we will work with you to find the best match available.

Who is Eligible for Services?

Services through the Respite Brokerage Program are available for CBHNP members living in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Perry counties.

Children, Adolescents and Adults served will be accepted for services regardless of age, race, color, disability, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, gender, or sexual preference.

Eligible individuals must demonstrate an emotional/behavioral health history.

Individuals eligible for respite services:

- Must be medically stable,
- Must not require detoxification from alcohol, drug (prescription or non) at the time of respite,
- Must not currently present a danger to themselves or others,
- Can not currently be in foster care,
- **Can not currently have an authorization for family-based services (FBMHS).** Wrap around services (BHRS) such as therapeutic support staff (TSS), behavioral specialist (BSC) or mobile therapy (MT) are acceptable.

Respite are not a substitute for shelter or housing needs and must be planned in advance.

Priority for respite services is based on the availability of appropriate respite service options.