



Providing Respite Through Recreational & Therapeutic Programs

If your organization currently provides recreational or therapeutic programs for children or adults with developmental disabilities, you may have heard (or will be hearing) from families that your Recreational Opportunity contract with the Developmental Disabilities Administration is no longer valid if the participant is on the new IFS waiver program.

What this Means:

- The Recreational Opportunity contract can be combined with a **Community Respite contract** that will pay for respite services, instead of tuition and fees.
- Payment for services under the **Community Respite contract** comes directly from DDA, rather than from the individual or his/her family.

How it Works:

- As a contracted community respite provider, the cost of your program will be paid as service hours by DDA.
- The number of hours will be equivalent to your program cost, but may not exceed the number of hours of service provided.
- Instead of receiving payment in advance, you will receive pre-approval from DDA that allows you to bill for hours of service.

What to Do:

- Call the contracts department at the DDA office nearest you and ask to set up a **Community Respite contract**. (See numbers below.)
- The family or individual will seek pre-approval from DDA for respite from your program. This pre-approval guarantees payment to you, billable as hours served.
- You will bill DDA for completed hours (up to every two weeks) after the service has been delivered.



INCLUSION CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT U

Specialized programs were originally created to allow people with disabilities to participate in recreational activities without being sidelined.

Times are changing, and the push for greater integration and inclusion is underway.

Begin to consider ways that your program can be provided in an integrated setting, where people with all abilities share the experience of being in community together.

CALL TO GET STARTED

Call the DDA contracts department nearest you and ask to set up a **Community Respite contract**.

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