Enhanced Respite Services

Short-term respite, stabilization, and plan development for children and youth with I/DD (ages 8-18)

Enhanced Respite Services provide access to short term respite services in a structured community-based setting for DDA enrolled children and youth who meet specific criteria (see below). Services are intended to provide a break in caregiving for families/caregivers; the opportunity for behavioral stabilization of the child; and the ability to partner with the state in the development of an individualized service plan to enable the child to return and remain at home.

Supports and Training for the youth and family include:

- Short-term break in caregiving, up to thirty (30) days total in a calendar year.
- Data related to the child’s challenging behaviors which can be used in the development of a Functional Assessment (FA) and a Positive Behavior Support Plan (PBSP).
- Participation in service coordination with the Case Resource Manager (CRM).
- Observation and development of therapeutic teaching and training techniques that are useful to support their child upon his/her return home.
- Identification of the child’s need and eligibility for enrollment in the appropriate Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver.

Services are Provided in Licensed Staffed Residential homes, in lieu of a short term stay at a Residential Habilitation Center. Each setting has up to 4 individuals in the home at a time.

Eligibility

- Eligible for DDA services per RCW 71A.10.020(3);
- At least eight (8) years of age and under age eighteen (18);
- At high risk of institutionalization and/or out-of-home placement; and,
- Appropriate and available services have been accessed by the family prior to requesting Enhanced Respite Services.

Approval Process

- Contact your family member’s DDA Case Manager to request Enhanced Respite Services.
- Your DDA Case Manager will conduct a CARE Assessment to identify the level of need and risk of out-home-placement.
- The Enhanced Respite Committee will review your request and assessment.
- Once approved, you will work with the provider to develop a plan that outlines the supports that your family member will receive.