

CONNECTICUT STATEWIDE ALZHEIMER'S RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

Program Description:

The Connecticut Statewide Respite Care Program is funded by the State Department of Social Services, Aging Services Division, and is operated in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, and the Connecticut Area Agencies on Aging. The program offers families caring for an individual with Alzheimer's or dementia up to \$3,500 a year in respite services. Respite care services include, but are not limited to: adult day care, home health aide, homemaker, companion, skilled nursing care or short-term nursing care. Funds may be used for daytime or overnight respite. A Care Manager from the Agency on Aging in your region will visit your home to do an assessment of services needed. Together, with input from the individual and caregiver, the care manager will develop a short-term care plan that meets the need of the family.

Do I qualify for the CT Statewide Respite Care Program?

Program Eligibility:

Health Status: The Applicant's physician must provide a completed "Physician Statement" stating that the patient has Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

Income: The care recipient must have an income of \$30,000 a year or less and have liquid assets of \$80,000 or less. Note: these amounts do not include the income or assets of the caregiver ONLY the care recipient. A 20% co-payment of the cost of the service may be applied depending on the individual's financial situation.

Where can I get more information about this program?

Contact the Respite Care Manager at your regional Agency on Aging below:

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"For more information on Alzheimer's Disease and available resources visit the CT Alzheimer's Association website": <http://www.alz.org/ct>