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The goals of the Respite Care Referral Program are to:
- assist Anne Arundel County older adults and individuals with disabilities to stay in their homes;
- to provide quality care at a lower cost;
- and to provide relief to family caregivers.

The Respite Care Referral Program maintains a registry of self-employed caregivers. The program provides names and phone numbers of registry members to clients and families looking for assistance with meal preparation, shopping, bathing, transportation to appointments, and other daily activities.

As self-employed contractors, Respite Care workers negotiate with and are paid directly by the client. Respite Care workers make their own schedule. Workers can work as much or as little as they like and in the areas of Anne Arundel County they wish to work.

Duties & Responsibilities

Respite Care workers are expected to provide personal and supportive in-home services to elderly and to disabled persons of any age. Workers assume responsibilities for the health and safety of clients in their care.

Workers perform tasks that are needed to maintain the client in his/her home and assure a safe and sanitary environment.

The Application Process

Respite Care Workers must be a U.S. citizen or be legally eligible to work in the U.S. In addition, candidates must:
- Be a resident of Anne Arundel County;
- Have a valid Maryland driver’s license & automobile;
- Provide a copy of Maryland Vehicle Registration
- Complete the RCRP Application and release form for a criminal background investigation;
- Remit the required application/training fee.

Criminal background checks must be “clean” in order for the application to be processed. Once the background and reference checks are completed, the candidate will be scheduled for the next training session. Placement on the registry is dependent on completion of this process and receipt of the registration fee.

Companion-Caregiver Training

In order to qualify as a Companion-Caregiver on the referral registry, you must complete the required training. At the completion of this training, attendees will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Home Health Aide Training

If you are a licensed Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA/GNA), you must complete the required training to be placed on the registry. Attendees will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Trainings are held either virtually or at the Department of Aging & Disabilities’ North County office in Glen Burnie.

On-going Training

Workers are required to attend a minimum of two (2) in-service trainings or caregiver workshops offered through the Department each fiscal year in order to maintain their status on the registry.

The Respite Care Referral Program offers numerous opportunities for on-going training. In addition, workers may earn education credit when attending the annual Caregivers’ Conference.