



Hillsborough County Department of Children's Services In-Home Respite Care Program for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Free in-home respite services are available for families with children who have significant developmental disabilities.

Who is eligible? All qualified applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be residents of Hillsborough County.
- With child(ren) from infancy through age 18, diagnosed by a licensed physician or psychologist as having one or more of the following significant developmental disabilities:
 - Cerebral Palsy
 - Autism
 - Intellectual retardation/deficiency
 - Spina Bifida
 - Prader-Willi Syndrome
 - Severe developmental delay

How to apply:

1. Complete the enclosed Application Form.
2. Attach a copy of your child's Physical Examination report (completed within the last year).
3. Attach a signed statement from a licensed Physician or Psychologist indicating your child's diagnosis.

Qualifying families will receive up to 16 hours of respite care per month.

- ↪ This program is not income based and is provided at no cost to the families being served.
- ↪ Families who are one the "Medicaid Waiver Waiting List" can receive services from our program. Our services will not affect their status regarding Medicaid Waiver.
- ↪ The Physical Examination Report that is submitted must have been completed within the last year.
- ↪ The report containing a diagnosis of Developmental Disability (See list of diagnostic criteria above) by a licensed physician or a licensed psychologist must have been written within the last two years.

Please note: Applications will not be processed until the documentation noted above has been submitted. This program **is** designed to serve children who are **not** currently receiving respite services from another agency and who **do not** have serious medical or behavioral issues that require specialized medical or behavioral care.

Mail completed application and required documentation to the address noted below. (Hand delivery will not be accepted.)

In-Home Respite Program
Hillsborough County
Dept. of Children's Services
3110 Clay Mangum Lane
Tampa, FL 33618

If you have questions regarding the application process, or need ADA accommodations please call 264-3807 X122.