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# N'Mninoeyaa MENTAL WELLNESS & MINOBIMAADIZING SERVICES



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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A RESPITE CARE WORKER OR ARE IN NEED OF RESPITE CARE SERVICES PLEASE CONTACT:**

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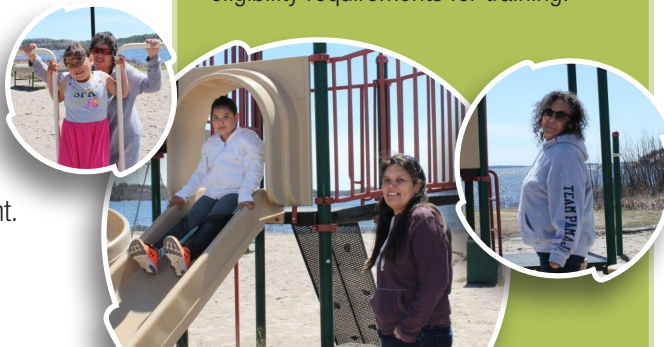
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## What is the Respite Care Program?

The Respite Care Program provides temporary services to families with a child who has special and/or high needs. Qualified and trained Respite Care Workers will provide temporary relief services so parents/guardians of children with high needs may recharge, rejuvenate and relax, knowing their child is being well cared for.

## Who qualifies for Respite Care services?

Families/guardians caring for Indigenous children between the ages of 0-18 years and are not currently receiving respite care services through any other agency. All Indigenous children residing on or off reserve within the Maamwesying catchment (Sudbury to Sault Ste. Marie) diagnosed with a special/high needs and/or are on the wait list for assessment are eligible for services. Families are eligible up to \$3,500.00 annually per child, that has been diagnosed with a special needs or are on the waitlist for special needs assessment.



## We are currently seeking 70 individuals to become trained Respite Care Workers to support families within our catchment area:

- Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
- Serpent River First Nation
- Sagamok Anishnawbek
- Mississauga First Nation
- Thessalon First Nation
- Batchewana First Nation
- Garden River First Nation (*Separate from GRFN's Respite Care Program*)

## How do you become a paid Respite Care Worker?

You must be 18 years or older with a kind and caring personality and meet eligibility requirements for training.

## Training eligibility requirements

1. Must provide an acceptable Vulnerable Sector Check – Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC).
2. Must become First Aid/ CPR Certified (up to \$100 will be reimbursed upon certification).
3. Must attend a 1 time free 30 hour online Safe Guard training course (we will pay eligible participants \$20 per hour to complete training, maximum of \$600).
4. Must attend a 1 time 6 hour Special Topics training session (no fee required). Participants will receive a one-time honorarium of \$121.50 for completion of the Special Topics training.

## Application process

**Upon registering for the program you will complete an application with the Respite Care Coordinator. Information gathered will include:**

1. If you have any other specialized training (i.e. certified foster care home), but this is not required to become a Respite Care Worker.
2. Communities in which you will be available to provide respite care services.
3. Days and hours per week you are available to provide respite care services, including weekend, evening and overnight possibilities.
4. Do you have a valid class G Driver's License with access to a reliable vehicle – if required for traveling to another community?
5. You must be willing to provide respite care services within the clients' home and/or attend community/other events with the child. Services may be provided within your own home if you are an approved foster and/or respite care home through the Children's Aid Society or Nog-Da-Win-Da-Min Child and Family Services.
6. Identify any physical limitations you may have to providing client care (e.g. unable to lift clients due to physical limitations).

Upon completion of all requirements we will work together to match respite care workers with families in need of respite care services.

**Respite Care Worker wage is \$18.00 per hour.**