

Helping You Help Family Caregivers: RCAW Resources for Professionals

Equipping you with respite tools and resources to better support family caregivers in your community.



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How RCAW Makes Respite Happen



◆ Funding Access

- Grants for families
- Support for respite programs
 - Learn more: [Funding Access](#)

◆ Training & Education

- For providers & caregivers
- Builds skills and confidence
 - Learn more: [Training & Education](#)

◆ Tools & Resources

- Practical materials
- Ready to share with families
 - Learn more: [Tools & Resources](#)

◆ Workforce Development

- Learn more: [StartUP Funds](#)
- Learn more: [Co-op Development Technical Assistance Award](#)

◆ [Respite Care Registry](#)

- Connect caregivers & providers
- Real, local matches
 - Learn more: [Respite Care Registry](#)





Grants for Family Caregivers

- **Caregiver Respite Grant Program (CRGP)**
- **Supplemental Respite Grant Program (SRGP)**
- **Healthy Meals, Healthy Minds (HMHM) Grant Program**

Eligibility Criteria

RCAW grants for family caregivers are for caregivers who are falling through the cracks. If you're waiting, denied, out of funds, or your current support just doesn't meet your needs, this is where we can step in.

Who qualifies for the grant? To be eligible, caregivers must:

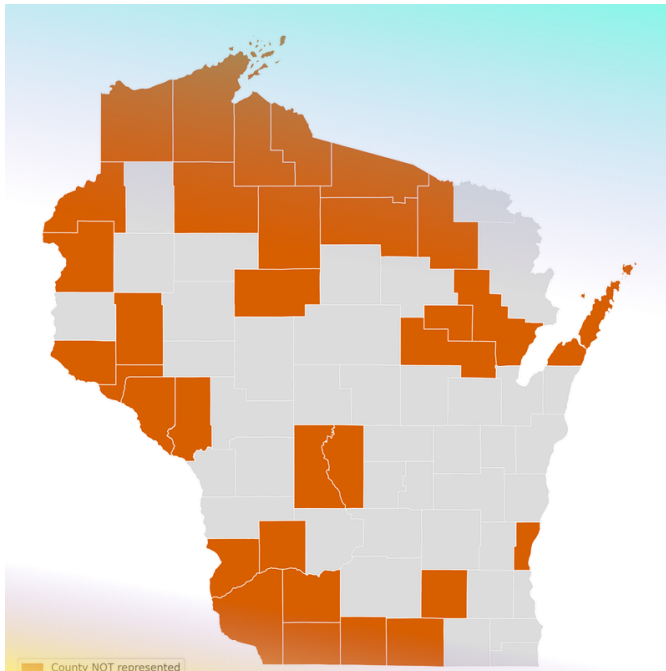
1. Have a professional verify their situation

(This could be an ADRC staff member, Tribal ADRS, or a county case manager.)

2. Be in one of these situations:

- Waiting for services: Applied for long-term care support but not receiving help within 30 days***
- Denied services: Not approved for long-term care or other respite programs***
- Used up current funding: Approved, but funds are already exhausted***
- Need more flexible support: Current programs don't cover what your family needs***
- Not eligible for other programs: Didn't apply because you don't qualify elsewhere***

Grants for Family Caregivers



CAREGIVER RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM

We help make respite care affordable.

- ✓ Up to **5 days** of respite care
- ✓ Use within **30 days** of approval
- ✓ **Choose your own provider**

Best for: Caregivers who need short-term relief right away

“During my surgical recovery, the Caregiver Respite Grant Program provided critical support and security for my loved one when I was physically restricted. This assistance ensured continuity of care during a period when caregiving would otherwise not have been possible.”

**Depending on funding availability, families may reapply for the CRGP.
Please check the webpage for reapplication periods.**

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No set limit per award

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPITE GRANT PROGRAM

Get help with everyday tasks so you can focus on you!

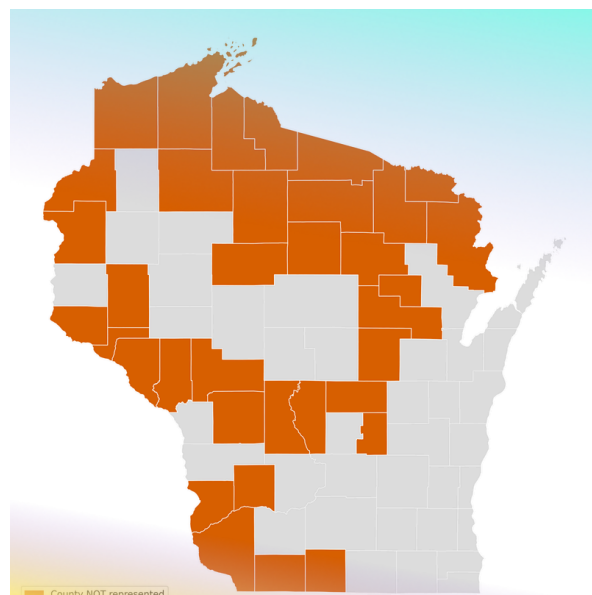
- ✓ Housekeeping
- ✓ Lawn Care
- ✓ Laundry
- ✓ Sensory Items
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Technology

Best for: *Ongoing support beyond direct care*

There was an increase in medical needs for our children during this time. The respite care support went a long way to helping both me and my husband. We are so grateful for this program

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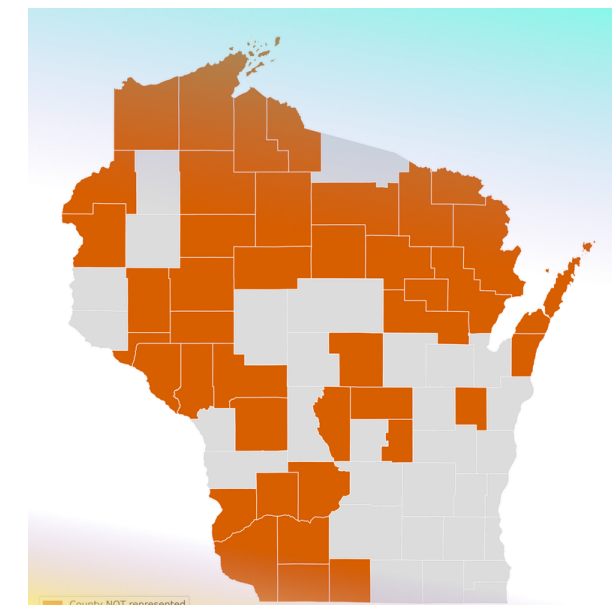
Support for physical and mental well-being

- ✓ *Access to nutritious meal kits*
- ✓ *Funding for mental health and wellness*

Best for: *Family caregiver wellness & nutrition support*

We have a child with a significant cognitive disability. I am diagnosed with cancer and my husband has a heart condition... The meals have allowed us to choose healthy meals for our family and saved time so we can focus on our healthcare needs.

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Grants for Providers



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The Group Respite Grant Program provides funding so agencies and organizations can hire respite care providers to offer on-site respite care so primary caregivers can partake in activities like support groups, classes, conferences, etc.

Organizations RCAW Has Supported Through the Group Respite Grant Program





Caregiver-Centered Care

Supporting Family Caregivers in Healthcare

Build skills to recognize, communicate with, and partner with family caregivers.

Who should take this training?

- Healthcare professionals
- Social service & community staff
- Care coordinators & case managers
- Community members who support caregivers



www.wisconsin caregiver.org

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- Wisconsin-adapted CCC training developed with the University of Alberta
- Designed for healthcare, social service, and community professionals
- Builds practical caregiver communication and relationship skills
- Focuses on 6 core caregiver-centered competency areas
- Helps improve trust, care quality, and caregiver engagement
- Self-paced online format with 6 modules
- Approximately 1 hour to complete

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Request a presentation for your county!

- Free virtual presentations available for counties, tribes, organizations, and community partners serving family caregivers
- Presentations can be customized to meet the needs and interests of your audience
- Topics include RCAW grants, respite resources, the Wisconsin Respite Care Registry, caregiver education, respite provider supports, and training opportunities
- Designed to increase awareness of respite services and support family caregivers across the lifespan
- RCAW staff will coordinate directly with your organization to schedule a presentation date and time
- Submit a Virtual Presentation Request to bring RCAW resources and education to your community



Make It Easier to Support the Caregivers You Serve

Free RCAW Rack Cards

What these help you do:

- Quickly connect families to respite grants
- Share trusted, accurate caregiver resources
- Provide something tangible caregivers can take home

Why ADRCs use them:

- Saves time during appointments
- Reinforces what you explain
- Helps families take the next step

Order yours at no cost:

- Free
- Shipped directly to you
- Available in Spanish



Scan here to order your rack cards



The image shows a template for a rack card from the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW). The card is divided into several sections. At the top left is the RCAW logo and contact information: www.respitecarewi.org and 608-222-2033. Below this is the title 'Grants for Family Caregivers' and a photograph of a diverse group of people sitting together. The card details two grant programs: the Caregiver Respite Grant Program (CRGP) and the Supplemental Respite Grant Program (SRGP). It also lists eligibility criteria for the grants, such as not expecting services within 30 days or having exhausted funding. A section titled 'VISIT OUR WEBSITE!' provides instructions on how to apply online. At the bottom, it notes that RCAW shows no preference for whom family caregivers hire and provides the website www.respitecarewi.org/grants for more information.

RCAW Respite Care Association of Wisconsin
www.respitecarewi.org
608-222-2033

Grants for Family Caregivers

Caregiver Respite Grant Program:
The Caregiver Respite Grant Program (CRGP) provides financial support for family caregivers for respite care. The grant allows caregivers to hire a respite provider of their choice to get a break from caregiving duties.

Supplemental Respite Grant Program:
The Supplemental Respite Grant Program (SRGP) provides financial support for family caregivers for supplemental respite services. Allowable expenses include housekeeping, meal prep, laundry, lawn care, snow removal, transportation, and technology.

RCAW shows no preference for whom family caregivers hire. They can hire friends, family members, neighbors, agencies, and assisted living and skilled nursing facilities.

MORE ABOUT THE GRANTS:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An applicant has applied for Long-Term Care Waiver support(s) or other programs and:

- Is not expecting to receive services or approval within thirty (30) days or is on a waitlist
- Has been denied
- Has been approved and has exhausted funding
- Has applied and is receiving other supports, and needs flexibility for respite services not covered by current funding supports
- Has not applied because they are ineligible

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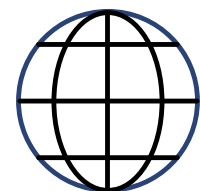
- All applicants must have a valid email address and create a profile on RCAW's online fillable grant portal.
- You can visit our website to learn about the application process.
- Depending on funding, applicants may be able to reapply a few times yearly. Please visit the grant webpage for updated and accurate information.

Depending on projects & funding, other grants may be available for family caregivers. To learn more about grant programs, please visit: www.respitecarewi.org/grants



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If you would like us to present to your staff about RCAW's training and programs or have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us to set up a time to talk further!



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