

RESPITE CAREGIVER RECRUITMENT

Thank you for your interest. Persons/families who provide support to families who have a child with a developmental disability are key components of ensuring that parents can take a break, because their children are in a safe environment, and they, and possibly their siblings, are engaging in meaningful community and home based fun. Caregivers will be recruited on an ongoing basis, and referrals from parents are valued. Caregivers are responsible for the provisions of personal care, supervision, safety, and comfort of the children in their care. A mature individual is required who can assume responsibility and adapt to changing needs and situations. A combination of relevant education and experience in the areas of services to children with developmental disabilities, special education or recreation would be considered desirable. Medical experience would be an asset. Caregivers may be individuals or a family unit. Respite is intended to meet each family's unique needs. Thank you. You may call the Respite Service Coordinator for more information at 604 534 8611 ext 26

Caregivers (and other persons over 19 living in the same home) must successfully:

- Submit an application or a resume.
- Obtain an R.C.M.P. Criminal Record Check, and a B.C. Solicitor General Record Review for all members of the household over 18.
- Obtain a certificate of good health from their family doctor.
- Provide a minimum of two personal references (character please).
- Participate in a home study/assessment check if children are coming to your home.
- Possess a valid and clear B.C. Driver's License and provide an abstract.
- Clear a Ministry Prior Contact Check for all those over 18 in your household.
- Obtain a CPR/First Aid Certificate.
- Receive and review the Caregiver Manual provided so that when you are presented with a contractual agreement to sign, you are familiar and accepting of the contents of the manual.

A caregiver/family will be selected using the following criteria. If you meet these requirements, we welcome your application for an interview and screening.

- Individual skills and acknowledgement of the philosophy of community living.
- Related experience and education, particularly as it pertains to knowledge of child development and disability issues.
- Personal suitability for caring for a child who has a developmental disability.
- Expressed preferences of the parent and individual being referred.
- Existing relationship between the care provider and child being referred.
- Consideration of culture and language suitability.
- Caregivers must be 19 years or older.
- Caregivers must drive a vehicle safe for children.
- Caregivers must live in Langley, unless they have been chosen by the family and they are well known to the parents.
- Eligibility is not based on creed, colour, race or gender.
- Eligibility is based on skill, aptitude, availability to provide support, physical appropriateness of your home, family dynamics, and the ability to meet or exceed the expected standards of exceptionally good respite care, as set out by CARF. (To find out more about CARF, please go to the Accreditation page on LACL's website).
- Caregivers must be able to a flexible schedule, as respite must meet the needs of the parents, and caregivers.