

2008 COMMENTS
FROM DIRECT FAMILY ACCESS RECIPIENTS

- My husband and I needed time away by ourselves and to do some shopping sans kids!
- Our child and we needed a break. Thank you, you are a blessing to our family.
- I am a single mother of 3 and sometimes even I need a break! You do a GREAT JOB.....THANK YOU!
- For the first time we were able to do things as a couple and enjoy some special family functions. My suggestion is to provide more funding and expand services to assist with some other costs such as specialty daycare.
- I went from \$250 a year to \$ 175 which is not enough. We need more hours.
(note: this parent has foster adoptive monies).
- I have M.S. and am in a wheelchair and we needed the time to get my medical care.
- I needed the time to run errands and spend time with my other little boy. I was able to do these things more easily and conveniently.
- It gave me a chance to have a little break and I trusted the person who was watching the children. The only suggestion I would have is that these services could be used more than once a year. Thank You.
- Thank you for the help!
- I could get away with the rest of the family.
- The respite services were helpful because not many people will help with a child with a trach.
- The respite services were helpful because is allowed us time to spend doing things and letting someone else watch our child so we know he's safe.
- The services were helpful because it allowed my husband and I to have a weekend get away without worries about Tatum's needs. We are so thankful that this has been available for us and we wish you success in keeping this available for years to come.
- We got to get away and relax and enjoy life in a different way. It took away some of the stress and anger that builds up after awhile. I just wish there was more funding available to get more time.

- My other children were able to enjoy things my autistic son isn't able to do. Please have a list of safe/experienced respite providers.
- With so many medical bills, this really helped pay for our son's summer camp, and truly gave our family a much needed break at home.
- This allowed my child to be away from home for a few days without us.
- The provider was very helpful and always willing to help with suggestions.
- It's not easy providing all care needed for a child with disabilities. I am unable to work without respite hours and other reasons.
- It helps to decrease stress levels in our home.
- This gives parent(s) the helpful stressful breaks they need.
- It allowed my husband and I the time needed to remain healthy ourselves to take the best care of our daughter. Thank you for this service!
- It helped mw to relieve stress at a time when I really needed a break.
- They helped us to get a break making time together better.
- Our children are very high maintenance and we need breaks from them so it always helps to have time away.
- It encouraged further growth in the children with the experiences they had. Thank you!
- The respite paid for a week of social skills camp for my son. We need more funding for families without other government funding.
- It is really helpful. There are so many added costs with disabilities and the funding helps out a lot.
- It gives me time to take care of the business. My husband has Parkinson's and needs constant attention as he loses his balance and falls. I gave our respite provider the money. I could not get along without her.
- The two weeks that my son was at camp this summer was my only break. It was amazing how a couple hour break each day could so positively affect my attitude and my ability to parent him. Thank You!
- Without the funding aid we would not have been able to afford the services provided. Please increase funding for more respite hours for those of us waiting for waiver slots.

- I had major surgery and needed help with my children. It was very helpful.
- My husband and I needed a break from our son. Austin enjoyed spending time with his grandparents. I am happy with all of the services we have received over the past 3 years.
- My insurance does not pay for home care. I was on the way of having a break down and my relationship with my hubbie was not good. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!!
- To give us a break from stress so we can re-group. Thanks!
- A nice break - new person for our kids to get used to. I live in very rural Iowa - I have only been able to get my mother or a neighbor girl to give me time. It's hard to find anyone else. Approved for Ill and Handicapped Waiver soon - need to access services!
- My child is terminally ill and I can't get out without someone watching her.
- I am low income, therefore it allowed me to get time away.
- I needed a break it was nice to have. This allowed flexibility to find a provider. My husband was activated (military) and it put extreme stress on all of us. The respite helps me and my child to have some separate time.
- It gave me a very needed vacation from dealing with some very difficult behaviors with one of my children. To improve services: provide more hours for some families facing some difficult circumstances.
- It allowed my husband and I to have a much needed break from being a stay at home Dad and it gave us a couple of date nights, which are good for our marriage.