



## **Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Respite Programs FY 2023-2024**

The Area Agency on Aging Respite Programs are for those unpaid caregivers providing care at home for a loved one or family member. These respite programs can be used to hire an agency provider or individual to help assist the caregiver with his/her loved one's care and provide much needed relief. The following guidelines will help determine eligibility:

### **STATE CAREGIVER PROGRAM (HCBS funds)**

- Caregivers (age 60+) with respite needs.
- Caregivers (age 60+) with children with disabilities needing respite. This includes senior parents (age 55+) with adult children with disabilities.
- Caregivers (age 55+) raising children (grandparents or other relatives, not parents)

### **ALZHEIMER'S RESPITE (ALZ funds)**

- Individuals caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia.

### **FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM (Title III E)**

- Caregivers caring for someone who is aged 60 or older and who has health problems.
- Caregivers (55+) raising children 18 and under

**The following guidelines will be followed in order to be determined eligible for the Area Agency on Aging Respite Program funds:**

- Respite funding from different respite sources will be considered when determining the needs of the caregiver. These other sources include Community Long Term Care, Hospice, Medicaid (PACE) program (for Alzheimer's Respite and SC Respite), VA benefits providing in-home care, and SC Respite Coalition Vouchers.
  - Priority in awarding respite funds will be given to caregivers who provide direct care for their loved ones, as well as other factors to be considered.
  - Caregivers of those who have a diagnosis of dementia will need to provide a doctor's statement or written diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or a related memory disorder disease.
  - Respite awards will need to be used within 90 days. Funds may be lost if voucher is unused.
  - When demand for services exceeds available funding, applicants are placed on a waiting list.
- For more information, go to [www.centralmidlands.org/agingservices.asp](http://www.centralmidlands.org/agingservices.asp), or call (803) 376-5390.

