

Enhanced Respite Services (ERS)

ERS enable Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)-enrolled children access to short-term respite in a state-contracted and licensed, staffed-residential setting. Services assist with behavioral stabilization; data summary reports and recommendations to address challenging behaviors; and a break in caregiving for the families/caregivers.

A child may access ERS up to thirty days per calendar year.



Eligibility Requirements

- The child is determined eligible for DDA services per RCW 71A.10.020(3)
- The child is at high risk of institutionalization and/or out-of-home placement
- The parents/caregivers demonstrated they have accessed other appropriate available services to meet the unmet need
- The child must be at least eight years of age, or between ages 18 and 20 and enrolled in school

Quality Assurance Oversight

- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Department of Children, Youth, and Families
- Washington State Department of Health
- DDA Office of Compliance, Monitoring, and Training
- DDA Office of Quality Assurance and Communications

Stakeholders

- Individuals receiving services
- Families of program participants
- Advocacy organizations
- Contracted Enhanced Respite Service providers
- Department of Children, Youth, and Families
- DSHS' Behavioral Health Administration
- Washington State Health Care Authority
- Pediatric hospitals

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