

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CAMP



HAMILTON COUNTY
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
SERVICES



For children with developmental disabilities, financial support to attend camp may be available. You can find more information below about potential financial support options through Family Support Services and Waiver Services.


FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM (FSSP)

FSSP can be used to pay camp fees.

The program also covers respite, which could be used to fund a provider to support your child while they attend camp.

For example, if you have a respite provider who is willing to accompany your child to camp, you could use the FSSP respite vouchers to have the provider attend the camp with your child.

The camp must approve this arrangement, and they may require a background check before allowing the respite provider in the camp.

Find information on using waiver funding on the back 

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WAIVER SERVICES

A DD Waiver might be appropriate to cover camps or related services in a variety of situations. All waiver services must relate to an identified need and be listed in the person's Individual Service Plan (ISP) prior to receiving the service.

Here are some examples:

- Camps that are specialized, meaning serving only those who have disabilities, can be certified by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) to provide Community Respite (aka “camp”). Community Respite is available under the I/O, Level One and SELF Waiver.
Note: such programs can only be paid for by waiver if they are certified.
- For those who are enrolled on the Level One or SELF Waiver, the waiver can also be used to cover the cost of non-disability specific camps through Participant Directed Goods and Services (PDGS).
Note: only camps available to the general public are able to be covered under PDGS.
- For those attending camp who need personal care during the camp, waivers can be used to fund Homemaker Personal Care staff to attend the camp with the person.
Note: the waiver cannot be used in this way if the waiver also paid for the camp, as this is a duplication of waiver services.
- For individuals attending camp who need Nursing services during the camp, this can be approved on a limited basis. Such authorizations require DODD approval; county boards do not have the authority to authorize without this additional layer of approval from DODD. Families seeking this service arrangement should work with their SSA to see if this is possible.

Please speak with your Service and Support Administrator (SSA) to discuss your individual needs and specific information about financial support for camps.

