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FREDERICK COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER ANNOUNCES RESPITE CARE FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE COUNTY RESIDENTS

FREDERICK, MD – Frederick County Developmental Center (FCDC) was awarded a respite care grant from the Maryland Department of Health and is now making funds available to eligible county residents who apply. The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for respite care for children with special needs who are residents of Frederick County and give families a short break from the care that they provide to their children. Studies show that respite care can significantly reduce parental stress and child maltreatment, as well as contribute to healthy family functioning.

Grant funding is limited and will be at least \$50 per child for up to 100 applicants on a first come, first serve basis. Applications must be postmarked by January 12, 2018 and funds must be used by May 1, 2018. The funds are designated for the FCDC Respite Care Program and will be administered jointly by the Frederick County Developmental Center and Scott Key Center.

Parents will select their own respite care providers to ensure that the issues of safety and 'best match' are addressed. This also means that a family member, other than parents, could provide the respite care, as well as family friends or professionals.

More information and a downloadable application are available at:
<https://md-frederickcountyhealth.civicplus.com/270/Respite>.

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