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# Respite Database Caregiver Information Page

## Overview

Autism Nova Scotia operates a respite database in the Halifax and Annapolis Valley areas where families can connect with independent respite workers and other respite resources.

# **Classified Ads**

### Family classified ads

The respite database offers the option of classified ads for families. This is a brief ad where the family can provide some information about the individual needing respite, as well as a summary of some of the supports they are looking for workers to provide. The information is published to the database, however only workers on the database can submit a request to the Respite Coordinator to have their profiles sent to families. When families have a classified ad it assists the Respite Coordinator in providing matches to the family. Families can create classified ads by completing the "classified ad" section at the bottom of the application. Families that have are already registered to the respite database they can update their profile by logging in to respiteservices.com and select the icon to "edit" under the "classified ad" section. Families can also view classified ads for ideas on how to create your own.

#### Worker classified ads

The respite database offers the option of classified ads for workers. Classified ads are organized by numbers and do not contain any references to names or other personal information. The classified ads can be helpful in the matching process, as families will often look at them and forward the numbers of the ads they are interested in to the coordinator, who can then send them the corresponding profile.

## **Respite Options**

The respite options tab offers a variety of day, evening and weekend programs, camps and recreation activities offered by non for profit and community organizations. This is not a resource for alternative respite options provided by private agencies or for-profit businesses.

## Funding

The Respite Coordinator updates the funding tab when made of aware of any additional funding options in the province. Funding options families can apply for additional funding such as paying for equipment or summer camp.

#### Resources

The resources tab provides a variety of materials with general information and resources available in Nova Scotia. Each item is organized by category such as education, employment, recreation, community living and child care, etc. Resources listed under the sub-category 'Annapolis Valley' are strictly for the Annapolis Valley Region. All other materials remain applicable to both Halifax Municipality and Annapolis Valley Region.