

User Terms and Conditions

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RESOURCES:

Resources are made available for individuals/families and respite providers to access at any point to support them in the respite process, help them collect the appropriate information from respite providers and to provide additional information and support strategies to better support individuals with varying abilities.

Resources are to be used for personal use only and are only to be shared in the context of Respite Support. Autism Nova Scotia has made these resources available to download, they must not be altered in any way. If you require a resource that is not available, please reach out to the Respite Services host agency (Autism Nova Scotia) so we create such resource.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Respitens.ca is a resource to connect respite providers with families seeking respite support. Autism Nova Scotia and its Respite Services Organizations are not responsible for facilitating interviews between respite providers and families. It is the responsibility of the individual/family to reach out and arrange an interview as well as collect updated documentation you may require.

Autism Nova Scotia and its Respite Services Organizations collect the following documentation upon respite provider registration. However, there is no guarantee that these documentations are updated or current.

- Criminal Record Check with Local Police and Vulnerable Sector Check
- Child Abuse Registry Check
- Resume
- First Aid
- Reference Checks
- Respite Services Training and Orientation

If you require updated documentation, or additional training it is the responsibility of the individual/family to request and collect that information.

CONSENT:

We will obtain appropriately informed consent, as required by law, for any collections, uses or disclosures of personal information obtained via this website.

SHARING PERSONAL INFORMATION:

By submitting your information, your request for service implies consent for respitens.ca to collect, use and disclose your personal information for purposes related to responding to your respite needs.

Consent may be implied or expressed. Consent may be provided orally, electronically or in writing.

With your consent, we may share information with third parties including:

- other agencies, professionals, and others who are involved in your care and treatment.
- other agencies and professionals who provide services and supports that may be able to respond to your needs.
- other individuals you identify as contacts, such as family members

We may disclose information without your consent:

- for legally necessary disclosures ordered by a subpoena or required to notify authorities in situations of suspected abuse, neglect, or imminent harm; or
- if required by The Ministry of Community and Social Services or the Ministry of Child and Youth Services

Should you register for contracted respite supports & services, you are agreeing to keep any respite family/individual profile information you receive confidential, unless you receive consent from the family and individual to share the information.

USER SECURITY:

Respitens.ca is committed to protecting the privacy, confidentiality, and security of your personal information in any form. We store personal information in paper or electronic files. We protect these files by physical and electronic security measures appropriate to the nature of the information, and we allow access only by authorized personnel.

RETENTION, DISPOSAL AND DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION:

The disposal and destruction of personal and health information will be performed with care. Precautions to prevent unauthorized parties from gaining access to information will be taken through providing access to appropriate users via a username and password. Paper records are normally destroyed by secure means seven years after they are no longer required. Given that respitens.ca can provide service throughout an individual's lifetime, all electronic data holdings are held indefinitely (up to 99 years) in order to provide service and for longitudinal analyses.

ACCURACY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION:

You have the right to request a change or amendment to your personal information if you believe the information in your file is inaccurate or incomplete.

ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION:

You have the right to access your personal information and to correct the information if it is shown to be inaccurate. For more information about your right to access, please contact the host agency privacy contact in your local area.

EXTERNAL LINKS:

This site contains links to other Web sites. When you click on links that take you to third party Web sites, you will be subject to the third parties' privacy practices and policies. While we support the protection of privacy on the Internet, we are not responsible for the contents of third-party web sites or for their privacy practices. We encourage our users to be mindful of this fact when they leave our site and to read the privacy statements of each and every Web site with which they interact.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE WEBSITE:

You have the right to inquire or complain if you have concerns about the way we handle your personal information. If you have questions or concerns about privacy at respitens.ca, please contact your respite coordinator at the following host agency:

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