

Rural Caregiver Respite Dementia

- Service:** The caregiver is any unpaid individual who provides direct, ongoing, consistent care to the dependent person. The caregiver is not required to be living with the client to be eligible for the CHATS Caregiver Respite Dementia Program services.
- Purpose:** Quality, in-home temporary relief for the primary caregiver in the provision of care to prevent caregiver stress, burnout, and the possibility of family breakdown. Service providers are certified Personal Support Workers (PSW) with specialized and advanced competencies (skills, knowledge, and education) in senior and dementia care.
- Eligibility:**
1. The care recipient must have a cognitive impairment or Alzheimer Disease and or related dementia.
 2. The care recipient must be aged 65 or older, unable to attend to daily needs without the assistance or Supervision of a caregiver. Those under age 65 may be eligible based upon exceptional circumstances/assessment.
 3. The care recipient must reside within the regions of Bradford West Gwillimbury, 17th Sideroad (including Schomberg, Pottageville, Kettleby and Snowball) within the King Township boundary (Bathurst to King/Caledon Sideroad),* East Gwillimbury, or Georgina or New Tecumseth.
 4. The caregiver must be willing to participate in an assessment visit and care plan.
 5. The care recipient must not require intensive nursing care.
 6. Clients can access CHATS Caregiver Respite Dementia Program services as well as receiving Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provincial funding e.g. CCAC (Community Care Access Centre) funded hours
- *Note:** CHATS will consider, on a case by case basis clients who live south of the 17th Sideroad to King /Vaughan Road.
- Availability:**
1. CHATS Caregiver Respite Dementia Program can be provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, based on assessed need.
 2. Crisis coverage can be provided as required, and as budget and staffing allows.
 3. During times of budget constraints, e.g. caps on Ministry funding, the CHATS Caregiver Respite Dementia Wait List Priority Policy and Procedure will be utilized.
- Cost:**
- Fee for service (minimum of two hours)
Two to six hours per week: \$15.30 per hour
Seven hours to eleven hours per week: \$11.25
12 – 48 hours per week: \$6.15 per hour