



Respite Worker Job Description

Position:	Respite Worker
Program:	The Autism Nova Scotia Respite Database connects families needing respite with trained and qualified respite workers in their area. In addition to providing trained respite workers, the Autism Nova Scotia Database connects families to respite resources such as community supports, recreation and leisure programs, and funding information.
Time Commitment:	Arranged between the family requiring respite and the respite worker, who both indicate their availability on the online application.
Term:	Arranged between the family requiring respite and the respite worker, who both indicate the term requirements and availability on the online application.
Accountability:	Respite Workers are evaluated on site by the families requiring respite.
Responsibility:	Determined by the family, depending on their needs and wants for their child (i.e. requests the respite worker to focus on community integration and social interaction).

General Duties:

The Respite Worker is responsible for the following:

- Providing in-home respite care or out-of home care, depending on the needs of the family and of the individual requiring respite

Qualifications:

- Experience working with individuals living with disabilities an asset
- Outgoing, sociable, and willing to take initiative an asset
- Compassionate, trustworthy, patient, and reliable an asset
- First Aid Certification, Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check, Child Abuse Registry Check required
- Completion of Autism Know-How Training required.

I _____ have read and understood my responsibilities as a Respite Worker as noted above.

Worker Signature

Date

Please contact Melissa Myers, Respite Coordinator by phone at 902-446-4995 or by email at Melissa.myers@autismns.ca