

**Respite Update  
August 21, 2009**

**OMHSAS – Children’s Bureau Respite Initiative**

In July 2007, the PRR for \$500,000 was approved in the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. No county received less than \$5,000 and no county received more than \$112,166.

**Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Respite Allocation Statistics**

- 77.18% of the \$500,000 Respite Allocation was spent.
- 25 counties /joinders spent their entire allocation.
- 23 did not.
- 8 counties/joinders spent 10% or less of the money allocated to them.
  - -Reasons included initial start-up of program, liability issues, criminal clearance issues, and miscommunication in the Administrator’s Office.

\$114,114.19 of the respite allocation was returned to the Commonwealth Budget as unused funds.

**Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Update – Spending through the 4th quarter**

- Currently 92.73% of the \$500,000 Respite Allocation has been spent
- 30 counties/joinders spent 90% or more of the allocation received
- 4 counties/joinders spent 40% or less of the allocated funds.

Currently \$38,650.75 of the respite allocation is unspent. I continue to receive reporting forms from counties/joinders as several have experienced delayed billing.

I will have more information prior to the next OMHSAS Advisory Meeting. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the Respite Development Workgroup, please contact Crystal Doyle at 717-705-8397 or at [crdoyle@state.pa.us](mailto:crdoyle@state.pa.us)