

“Take a Break...”

**The Collaboration to AdoptUsKids
2009 Respite Program Mini-Grant Application—due July 1**

Introduction

This application is your opportunity for support groups and associations to apply for a respite care mini-grant (approximately \$5,000.) to start a respite care program in partnership with your local public agency. Your group is expected to fill out this application and PART 1 of the proposal and designate a parent leader and public agency leader to attend the fall training.

Project Description

The Collaboration to AdoptUsKids has partnered with NACAC (North American Council on Adoptable Children) on this post-adoption component of the project. The goal of this post-adoption support activity is to improve availability of and excellence in respite care that includes social and community involvement.

Foster/adoptive/kinship parent groups and associations will operate community programs, in partnership with local public agencies, with a goal of sustaining respite services for years to come.

The strategies to make this happen are as follows. AdoptUsKids, in partnership with NACAC will:

- a) develop and distribute a written respite manual
- b) provide training to parent leaders and agency personnel
- c) provide small grants to groups for "start-up" respite programs
- d) offer group development assistance

Eligibility

To be considered for a mini-grant, your adoptive parent, foster parent, or kinship support group must:

- primarily serve families who have adopted/foster/kinship children from the child welfare system
- be support groups or associations
- partner with a public agency for the respite program (letter of support required)
- have tax exempt, 501(c)(3) status (or be in the process of acquiring tax-exempt status)

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Foster, and Kinship Families”*