Nebraska Respite Network Across the Lifespan
Basic directions for the Respite Subsidy Application:

Section 1:

- Make sure to give the name of the person with special needs and the caregiver of that person.
- Make sure to give the Social Security Number of both people, not the Medicare number…(This number is necessary in order to pay for respite).
- Family Size – this is defined as the number of people who are legally and financially responsible for each other (i.e. in a household with a couple, two minor children and an elderly grandmother that needs care…there is only 1 in the family because grandma is legally and financially responsible for herself.)

Section 2:

- ***This is probably the most important part of the Respite Subsidy Application.*** In this section, you need to describe the needs of the person that is requiring continuous ongoing care and the needs of the caregiver. They are looking for more than a diagnosis – ***Tell them why you are in need of respite***.

Section 3 & 4:

- The intention of the Respite Subsidy is to give financial assistance to those families that are not receiving respite funds elsewhere. This section determines those families.

Section 5:

- Again, this is the gross income (before deductions) of the family that was counted in the family size that was indicated in Section 1. For the previous example, you would only include the income of the grandmother, not of the other two adults in the household.

Section 6:

- Here they are looking for the out-of-pocket expenses that the "family" has paid. Any expenses covered by insurance or other programs should not be included.

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