

RESPIRE EVENTS

Frequently asked Questions



What are respite events? Community churches offer 3-4 hours of fun for children affected by disability and siblings, allowing parents a few hours of quiet and refreshment.

What is the cost? Respite events are free to the families. They are staffed by volunteers, and church costs are minimal.

What is the need? These parents tend to be stressed, tired, and isolated. 85% of their marriages end in divorce. Many are single parents. Only 12-15% have found a church that welcomes them or have heard God's perspective on disability.

How does a church get involved? The Joni and Friends Bay Area office will walk along-side your church as you plan your first events. A free manual provides useful strategies and templates. Interactive toys and equipment can be borrowed.

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From a Mom leaving her boys at respite: “It’s like suddenly being handed a million dollars and being asked “So, how are you going to spend it?””