ARCH Resources: Sustainability for Lifespan Respite Programs

As federal, state, and even private funding sources remain extremely limited, state Lifespan Respite grantees and their partners will have to work creatively to maximize and more efficiently identify and use available resources to ensure the viability of their Lifespan Respite systems once their Lifespan Respite grants are expended. Knowledge of potential federal, state and private funding sources and meaningful and well-established partnerships are central to this effort.

ARCH held two webinars on sustainability.


This webinar presented by the Finance Project, introduced a framework for sustainability planning that provides grantees with a process for working with their partners and other key leaders in the state to sustain Lifespan Respite programs.

Finance Project Tools:

- Sustainability Self-Assessment Tool
- Worksheet 1: Clarify What to Sustain
- Worksheet 2: Determine the Program Cost
- Worksheet 3: Map the Available Resources
- Worksheet 4: Assess the Resource Gaps

Archived webinar, PPT slides, tools and resources are available at: http://archrespite.org/ta-center-for-respite/webinars-and-teleconferences/webinar-sustainability-planning

2. Funding Sustainability for Lifespan Respite Programs: Examples from the States, Webinar Part II, August 14, 2012

Representatives affiliated with State Lifespan Respite programs provided examples of funding sustainability plans, public and private funding sources leveraged to help families pay for respite, and ways to support the ongoing infrastructure of Lifespan Respite systems. In addition, possible federal funding sources that can help support state funding for respite system infrastructure, training, services and family caregiver respite support, and strategies for partnering with the state agencies that administer these funds, were reviewed.

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Additional ARCH Resources:

- Using Federal Funds for Respite: Select Examples from States and Community-based Programs (from Federal Funding and Support Opportunities for Respite, January 2012)
  [link](http://archrespite.org/images/Webinars/Using_Federal_Funds_for_Respite.pdf)

  [link](http://www.lifespanrespite.memberlodge.org/Federal_Funding_Guide)

  [link](http://www.lifespanrespite.memberlodge.org/FundingCompilations)

- State Funding Streams for Respite across the Lifespan, 2011.
  [link](http://www.lifespanrespite.memberlodge.org/FundingCompilations)

- Tools for Collaboration: Building and Sustaining Partnerships for Lifespan Respite, August 2011 (Archived Webinar and Resources)
  [link](http://archrespite.org/ta-center-for-respite/webinars-and-teleconferences/tools-for-collaboration)

Respite vouchers and volunteer respite programs can provide avenues for sustainable respite services. Useful resources:

- Participant Directed Respite Guidebook, October 2011.
  [link](http://www.lifespanrespite.memberlodge.org/Participant_Directed_Guide)

  [link](http://archrespite.org/productspublications/products-and-publications#VolManual)