

Expert Panel on Respite Research

Purpose: To develop a respite research agenda with recommendations for future research and issue a final report by July 31, 2015. The panel will explore and discuss the current status of respite research, strategies for overcoming barriers to respite research, and a plan of action for encouraging more research in specific areas.

Goals:

- 1) Craft a respite definition and framework for guiding the development of the research agenda;
- 2) Identify the current status of respite research broadly, including research gaps and limitations, taxonomical approaches used by past and current research on respite, methodological concerns and issues, and barriers to respite-focused research;
- 3) Identify areas of respite research on which to focus the recommendations (e.g. family caregiver and/or care recipient outcomes; service satisfaction; economic impacts; improving service delivery and access, etc);
- 4) Identify methodological approaches and other strategies to address identified barriers to respite research;
- 5) Identify incentives to engage researchers in the respite research agenda developed by the panel;
- 6) Identify and encourage funders to support implementation of respite research recommendations promulgated by the panel; and
- 7) Identify strategies for supporting translation of these goals for use in practice settings.