## Lifespan Respite Grantee/Partner State Updates
### Lifespan Respite Grantee/Partner Learning Symposium
#### October 10, 2014

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| **Alabama**    | - Caregiver education  
- Faith-based Initiatives with toolkit  
- Model Voucher Respite Program  
- Sharing the Care Community Initiatives with toolkit (community engagement and awareness)  
- Respite funds increase by State Legislature  
- Caregiver Speakers Bureau (includes AL Lifespan Respite Network staff and other coalition members to provide training and TA for caregivers)  
- Creating a caregiver café during the work day to provide caregiver tools  
- Train ADRC staff on caregiver issues, resources and appropriate referrals  
- Mini-grants to reach gap populations                                                                                                                                 | Cheryl Smith cmith@ucphuntsville.org  
Java Bennett jbennett@ucphuntsville.org  
Melissa Terry mterry@ucphuntsville.org  
Toolkits and other information can be downloaded at AL Lifespan Respite Network website http://www.alabamarespite.org/ |
| **Arizona**    | - Statewide, toll-free Caregiver Resource Line  
- Respite Voucher Programs  
- Online Respite Locator  
- Coalition becomes non-profit entity  
- AZ Caregiver Coalition Advocacy -- Day at the Legislature in support of AZ Lifespan Respite Program  
- Training and recruitment of volunteers for caregiver resource line                                                                                                                                 | David Besst dbesst@azdes.gov  
Elizabeth Harris eharris2@azdes.gov |
| **Arkansas (new)** | - Lifespan Respite Summit (2013)  
- Coalition Logo  
- Arkansas Lifespan Respite Awareness Day at the Capitol with proclamation (10/29/2014)  
- State General Fund allocation for respite grants, outreach and training ($150,000 in 2013, $250,000 in 2014)  
- Formation of three regional coalitions which meet quarterly                                                                                                                                 | Susie Keesling Susie.keesling@dhs.arkansas.gov |
| **Colorado**   | - Disbursed mini-grants to agencies for respite  
- Conducted respite trainings across the state  
- State General Fund allocation for respite grants, outreach and training ($150,000 in 2013, $250,000 in 2014)  
- Formation of three regional coalitions which meet quarterly                                                                                                                                 | Peggy Spaulding Peggy.spaulding@state.co.us  
Meghan Baskett mbasket@eastersealscolorado.org  
303-233-1666x257  
Val Saiz saizhm@comcast.net |
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<td>• Website: <a href="http://www.coloradorespitecoalition.org">www.coloradorespitecoalition.org</a></td>
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<td>• Employer Engagement activities over the next three years</td>
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<td>• New trainings for employers, educators and policymakers</td>
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<td>District of</td>
<td>• Flex Spending Accounts</td>
<td>Linda Irizarry  <a href="mailto:linda.irizarry@dc.gov">linda.irizarry@dc.gov</a></td>
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<td>Columbia</td>
<td>• Every other week online caregiver chats</td>
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<td>• Starting a Lifespan Respite volunteer system</td>
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<td>• Lifespan Respite student intern</td>
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<td>• Lifespan Respite summits/trainings</td>
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<td>Idaho</td>
<td>• Statewide Caregiver Needs Assessment Survey Instrument, implementation and results</td>
<td>Pam Catt-Oliason <a href="mailto:pam.catt-oliason@aging.idaho.gov">pam.catt-oliason@aging.idaho.gov</a></td>
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<td>• Enhance and increased composition of statewide respite coalition</td>
<td>Stephanie Bender-Kitz <a href="mailto:stephanie@fiaboise.org">stephanie@fiaboise.org</a></td>
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<td>• Established partner to provide web-based and phone single point of entry for respite (site not yet developed)</td>
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<td>• Developing priorities to include an web-based single point of entry</td>
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<td>• Coming soon: Emergency respite (developing pilot with kincare population)</td>
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<td>• Developing a pathway to information on respite through 211 care line</td>
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<td>• Building coalition/relationships</td>
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<td>Illinois</td>
<td>• Received a Grant from state Department on Children and Family Services to offer emergency respite</td>
<td>Respite Coalition <a href="mailto:tyurik@clearbrook.org">tyurik@clearbrook.org</a></td>
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<td>• Coalition is transitioning and restructuring</td>
<td>Maggie Lyons <a href="mailto:maggie@lyons@hotmail.com">maggie@lyons@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>• Partnering with Illinois Dept. on Aging, Dept. of Health and BIP</td>
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<td>• Working on sustainability plan</td>
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<td>Iowa</td>
<td>• Engaging policy “deciders” in conversation about expanding/embedding respite in state systems</td>
<td>Kelsy Zantingh <a href="mailto:respite@thearcofiowa.org">respite@thearcofiowa.org</a></td>
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<td>• Planning a caregiver conference</td>
<td>Ruth Thompson <a href="mailto:ruth.thompson@iowa.gov">ruth.thompson@iowa.gov</a></td>
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<td>• Sustainability Planning (one of 8 ARCH exemplar states)</td>
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<td>• Identifying new members for the coalition and developing and Advisory Board of key players</td>
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| Kansas  | • Direct care professional training and credentialing program in collaboration with colleges  
• Public awareness campaign  
• One-stop shop resources  
• Volunteer training                                                                                                                                                  | Gina Ervay gervay@rockoinc.org                                                 |
| Massachusetts | • Hosted national respite conference in 2013  
• Sustainability and strategic planning (one of 8 ARCH exemplar states)  
• Develop and increase number of respite regional councils  
• Continue developing audio and video PSA for distribution  
• Issued ten mini-grants and developed evaluation process  
• Will issue second round of mini-grants in 2014 and refining process based on lessons learned  
• Developed [www.massrespite.org](http://www.massrespite.org) website at outset of first grant - continuing to refine and enhance the site over time  
• Launched massrespite directory companion site with searchable listings of respite workers  
• Hosted CARE Conferences - free conference for family caregivers  
• Respite Project - Internship Project with higher education - replication of mode in four regions of the state  
• Will conduct outreach to collaborate with employers  
• Will train 100 volunteers with REST curriculum                                                                                                                                 | Amy Nazaire and Joan Rafferty info@massrespite.org  
Linda Ungerleider ulinda@gmail.com |
| Montana | • Created a website and logo - [http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/respite/](http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/respite/)  
• Had a video and PSA made  
• Will be setting up a respite voucher system  
• Under the new grant, will work with state university to create pre and post survey for service delivery  
• Partnership with ADRCs- asking them to use the caregiver strain index as a tool  
• Started a facebook page                                                                                                                                                 | Vicki Clear vclear@deapmt.org  
Kerrie Reidelbach kreidelbach@mt.gov                                                                                                                                            |
| Nebraska | • Employer Engagement  
• Cross-Agency respite utilization research across funding sources, disability populations and special needs                                                                                           | Sharon Johnson Sharon.j.johnson@nebraska.gov                                    |
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| Nevada     | - Formal Sustainability Planning/ Training at state and local levels (one of 8 ARCH exemplar states)  
- Respite modules (training/awareness) for partners and caregivers on NV virtual resource center website  
- With new grant, will create volunteer program for respite  
- With new grant will partner with RCI to implement Care Consultations for caregivers in rural and frontier Nevada                                                                                         | Jeff Duncan  
jsduncan@adsd.nv.gov                                                                 |
| North Carolina | - Direct Service voucher program  
- Money Follows the Person and Lifespan Respite grant combined grants to innovative providers  
- Information packets and internal training materials to company employee assistance programs  
- Web-based on demand interactive training modules for professionals encountering caregivers in health care/human service settings  
- With new grant, will develop a strategic plan for state Lifespan Respite  
- With new grant, will develop a business plan for NC Respite Care Coalition | Alicia Blater  
alicia.blater@dhhs.nc.gov  
Linda Kendall Fields  
lkfields17@gmail.com  
Dawn Oakey Gartman  
dgartman@centralina.org                                                                 |
| Oklahoma   | - Transitioning respite and another entity that will be able to sustain continuation with grant funds  
- Using new grant to help sustain existing grant efforts and providing funds for new see grant applications  
- Continued outreach effort statewide - made presentations to Native American Tribes, caregiver support groups, hospital and rehab case managers, etc.                                                        | Al Ruble  
Al.Ruble@okdhs.org                                                                                       |
| Pennsylvania | - Created a logic model and sustainability plan from 1) University of Excellence Scope of Work summarizing data collection/utilization and research and 2) Finance Project work group efforts (one of 8 ARCH exemplar states)  
- Dedicated caregiver respite resource web page created from research/organization id. Pages supported by ADRC.  
- Creation of volunteer resources in the faith and grassroots communities through support from the Dept. of Health Title V MCH Block Grant to implement volunteer respite programs and train volunteers. | MaryJo Caruso  
maryjoa@thewatsoninstitute.org                                                                                  |
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| South Carolina | - Statewide Lifespan Respite Summit - June 2014 to re-invigorate state plan for “Respite Vision 2020”  
- Developed Voucher plan/program and worked to get legislative allotment for vouchers ($2 million!)  
- Work with Long Term Care Task Force to infuse respite in workforce development, access and availability, funding and sustainability  
- With new grant, will create on-line training for SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.                                                                                   | Kathy Mayfield Smith  
smithkm@sc.edu  
Susan Robinson  
susan@sccrespitecoalition.org                                                                                     |
| Tennessee    | - Respite Resource Database  
- Developing relationship with other respite providers to be part of a collaboration of groups across the state  
- Create statewide strategic plan for respite and caregiver services  
- Expand family-directed respite voucher program and increase number of diverse funding sources  
- Find new and innovative ways to use volunteers for respite                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Jennifer Abernathy  
jennifer.abernathy@tnerespite.org  
Tabitha Satterfield  
Tabitha.satterfield@tn.gov                                                                                       |
| Texas        | - Conducted Statewide Lifespan Respite Summit in June 2014  
- Developing strategic plan  
- Publishing ad in newsletters/journals of TX health professionals (nurses, family physicians, etc.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Joyce Pohlman  
joyce.pohlman@dads.state.tx.us                                                                                           |
| Virginia     | - Connected caregivers to state and local ADRC Advisory Boards (members of the VA Caregiver Coalition)  
- Established the online [Virginia Caregiver Solution Center](https://www.lifespanrespiteWA.org)  
- Completed a pilot statewide voucher program and began a new program                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Ellen Nau  
Ellen.nau@dars.virginia.gov                                                                                       |
| Washington   | - Respite Voucher Pilot Project to accommodate robust State training requirements (by statute) - utilizes provider agencies by contract  
- Respite Summit, Oct 2014  
- Website, [www.lifespanrespiteWA.org](http://www.lifespanrespiteWA.org)  
- Statewide collaboration of 450 organizations/members                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Linda Porter  
lporter@wa.easterseals.com                                                                                       |