



May 12, 2015 Montana Respite Summit
3:30 to 5:00 PM
Round Table Discussion Outline

1. Based on the video and the caregiver panel we heard this afternoon, respite is a good idea. However, not all people know or recognize the term respite. The following are three questions to discuss. These conversations will help us bring different perspectives regarding the value of respite and its benefits to our Montanans. The word “respite” may not even be a word that a lot of people ever heard. Also, many Montanans might not even be open to the idea. We are an independent bunch of people, as we all know.

The Question: What do you suggest to help people understand what respite is? What is the value of respite?

2. There are very good resources for caregivers! We are not alone in our caregiver responsibilities! The Lifespan Respite website with a searchable database of resources, the new respite voucher funding and the video are materials and resources that may help.

The Question: How do you suggest we make resources visible and truly accessible to caregivers?

3. The Coalition is going strong and meeting its goals, but we want to do the best possible job for Montana’s caregivers and the people they care for.

The Question: What can we do to help insure that the Coalition is able to continue its work for a long time and benefit as many Montanans as possible into the future?