



# NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

## Reporting Form

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### North Carolina Lifespan Respite Project Family Caregiver-to-Caregiver Peer Support

**DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice:** Division of Aging and Adult Services, in partnership with the Division of Medical Assistance

**Date of this Notice:** November 13, 2012

**Purpose:** In 2009, North Carolina was awarded a small three-year grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging. The funds were made possible by the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006. NC is currently one of 30 states with this limited funding designed to encourage states to focus on respite services, strengthen a state's collaboration and infrastructure for respite, and assist where possible in a coordinated system of accessible, community-based respite care services for family caregivers of children or adults of all ages with special needs.

Funding for this initiative comes from a partnership between North Carolina's Lifespan Respite Project and the Money Follows the Person effort led by the Division of Medical Assistance. Money Follows the Person is a federal and state demonstration project that assists Medicaid-eligible North Carolinians who live in qualified inpatient facilities to move into their own homes and communities with supports.

**Description:** The goal of this funding opportunity is to pilot a program to implement a family caregiver-to-caregiver support model, particularly targeting families who have recently assumed more caregiving responsibilities for an individual transitioning back to their home/community or individuals that are at risk of being admitted into a long-term care facility.

**Eligibility:** Public agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply.

Applicants must:

- A. Have a thorough understanding of and demonstrated experience in serving the population to be served
- B. Be able to navigate the system of care and services, including respite care options
- C. Demonstrate the ability to work successfully with volunteers
- D. Provide relevant and ongoing training to peer volunteers
- E. Have access to licensed clinical staff

- F. Demonstrate the support and involvement of other human service providers in the community.  
(At least two letters of recommendation must accompany the application)

**How to Apply:** Please submit two copies of the complete Lifespan Respite Family Caregiver to Caregiver Peer Support Application (see How to Obtain Further Information below) postmarked by December 21, 2012 to

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**Deadline for Submission:** December 21, 2012

**How to Obtain Further Information:** Please download the Family Caregiver-to-Caregiver Peer Support Pilot Project Announcement and Grant Application Instructions at [this link](#).