ARCH Presentation:

“Getting Creative with State Partnerships in Lifespan Respite”

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Over 850,000!

For 50,000 care recipients with DD/ID

Unpaid Caregivers: Washington State

Kinship caregivers, 40,000

Do not think of selves as “caregivers”
Lifespan Respite Washington

2002 - Respite & Crisis Care Coalition of Washington, The Arc of King County.

2011 - Developed a statewide coalition (more than 500 interested service providers, caregivers, and advocates).

2014 - Developed a pilot voucher project, Easter Seals Washington.

2016 - Continued its “new and improved” voucher program, Homage Senior Services.

Funded by national Lifespan Respite funding channeled through Washington State’s DSHS/Aging & Long Term Support Administration.
Existing & Creative Respite Options

- Family Caregiver Support Program
- Developmental Disabilities Administration
- Exceptional Family Members Program
- Veterans Administration Caregiver Program
- Disease / Conditions Respite Options
- Employee Assistance Programs
- Lifespan Respite WA Voucher Pilot in 2014
Washington State Fills Respite Gaps

- $1000 vouchers
- Four months to use the voucher
- Any age
- Redeemable through self-selected respite provider agencies
  - Adult day programs
  - Overnight care
  - Camps
  - Parks & Recreation
  - In-home Care
  - Specialized Case Aide
Memorandum of Understanding with State Healthy Starts and Transitions Unit
- Replicates general voucher program
- $800 award per child, birth to 18 years, plus vendor and agency 10% administrative fees each
- Same application process, Medicaid eligibility required for child
- Channeled through the local county health jurisdictions
- Give-and-take referrals
- 3rd year of funding, about $10,000 per year
- A model for replicating other models; e.g., brain injury, etc.

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Introducing **Hilarie Hauptman**

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Companion to Kinship Navigator Funds

- Washington State funds Kinship Navigators to serve 30 counties the state
- Funding began in July 2016 for Tribal Kinship Navigators
- Quick turnaround collaboration process to apply and plan new Lifespan Respite grant (began September 2016)
- With grant funding eight Tribes would develop their own respite plan and initiate culturally relevant activities
- Tribes agreed to meet specific policies regarding transportation, supervision of children, short break for caregivers
- Laid the groundwork for future projects
Tribal Respite Projects

1. Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
2. Lummi Tribe
3. Makah Tribe
4. Port Gamble/S’kallam Tribe
5. Quileute Tribe
6. Samish Tribe
7. Shoalwater Bay Tribe
8. Yakama Nation
Introducing Maureen Woods
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The need in our tribal community

Activities included specialized camps, cultural activities

Benefits, challenges

Caregiver story
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