Objectives for Peer-Led Discussion on Respite Voucher Programs

• Share information about the Voucher Learning Collaborative and how people can become involved.

• Identify barriers to caregivers’ use of respite vouchers/expending federal funds for vouchers.

• Identify strategies to overcome barriers to respite voucher use and to expending federal funds for respite vouchers.

• Explore the role of the respite coalition in enhancing state partnerships that assist in assuring continuous respite services for families and help expend respite federal funds for respite.
Barriers/Challenges to Voucher Use

• How many of you have had trouble in getting family caregivers to use vouchers or to spend their vouchers in a timely way?

• How many of you have had difficulty getting the message out about the availability of the vouchers?

• Do caregivers have trouble finding providers?

• Do you face administrative barriers to spending funds for respite vouchers?

• What other barriers/challenges do you face to expend your federal respite voucher funds?
Approaches and Solutions

• Does your coalition play a role in fostering strong partnerships between state agencies?

• How can your coalition help you in expending voucher funds for respite?

• What other strategies do you use that have been successful in getting family caregivers to use respite vouchers or to improve your efficiency in distributing vouchers?