

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?