Lifespan Respite Grantee and Partner Learning Symposium

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Welcome & Introductions

Role of a Federal Project Officer:

• Guiding Principle
  – Our job is to help ensure your success

• We are available anytime you need us
  – challenges, issues, questions, concerns and Good news
  – Let’s talk, we really are here to help
Older Adults’ Equity Collaborative (OAEC)

Comprised of five national organizations:

- Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE)
- National Caucus and Center on Black Aging (NCBA)
- National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA)
- MHP Salud
- National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA)

- They provide targeted technical assistance and training to the aging services network, other relevant stakeholders and consumers.
The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) is the Coordinating Center for the five member organizations of the OAEC.

NYAM promotes collaboration and coordination among the five organizations.

The overarching goal is to support their work in effectively responding to the needs of diverse older adults and their caregivers.

NYAM facilitates the design and development of the OAEC Resource Library, which is a digital resource that includes materials from each member organization of the OAEC on topics such as, caregiving; cultural competency; disability; and social isolation and mental health.

Visit the NYAM/OAEC Resource Library
Joint Projects

• Caregiving
  – gave a presentation about how to ensure access and equity in aging services programs, particularly when working with caregivers
  – RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council
ISBA Conference: June 2021

International Short Break Association

• Six focus areas (tracks) of presentation topics
  1. Innovative Services
  2. Research & Evaluation
  3. Family Caregiver Perspective
  4. Capacity & Sustainability
  5. Advocacy & Networking
  6. Lifespan Respite (13 presentations)
ACL Caregiving Advisory Councils

• The Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, & Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act of 2017
  – Family Caregiving Advisory Council
  – 15 non-federal council appointees who reflect the diversity of family caregivers and people who receive support.
  – ACL.gov/RAISE

• The Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (SGRG) Act of 2018
  – SGRG Advisory Council
  – 13 non-federal council appointees are grandparents, advocates, educators, and child welfare professionals.
  – ACL.gov/SGRG
Family Caregiving Advisory Council

Initial Report to Congress

• Council recommendations (26) within 5 goals (Goal 3 specifically references respite)

• “The identification of challenges faced by family caregivers…”

• Inventory and assessment of federally funded efforts to recognize and support family caregivers
SGRG Advisory Council

Initial Report to Congress

• Discusses unique needs of kinship and grandparent caregivers, many of which are multi-faceted and intertwined.

• Council recommendations (22) within 5 areas (Goal 3 includes respite)
National Caregiving Strategy

• Will eliminate redundancies and “promote greater adoption of”:
  – Person- and family-centered care across settings
  – Assessment and service planning
  – Information, education and training supports, referral and care coordination
  – Respite options
  – Financial security and workplace issues
  – Service delivery based on performance, mission, and purpose of a program
Lifespan Respite Special Project*

• “Special Projects to Strengthen Program Development, Implementation and Sustainability”

• Three-year project awarded in September 2020

*Acronym: LRSP
LRSP Objective 1

Develop, test and scale a respite workforce recruitment, training and retention program to better meet the respite needs of families

OUTCOME:
Improve the evidence base for respite care workforce training and recruitment to better meet the respite needs of families
LRSP Objective 2

Develop and field test a state-based framework and roadmap for respite system planning and development, which ties to the forthcoming National Caregiving Strategy.

OUTCOME:
Strengthen the National Family Caregiving Strategy based on evidence supported practices and state policies.
LRSP Objective 3

**Strengthen and test** enhanced approaches to help caregivers and families develop or strengthen their own natural support systems to include respite and other supports.

**OUTCOME:**
Support states in their efforts to improve and expand the long term services and supports (LTSS) direct care and respite workforce and natural supports.
Carryover Requests

• What is a Carryover Request?
  – A Carryover is a request to forward an unobligated balance of funds from a previous budget period to cover allowable costs in the current budget period.
  – A Carryover must be requested in support of activities aligned with a grantee’s existing project goals and objectives to cover costs not already incurred by the recipient.
  – Request for Carryover Details
Questions?

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Thank You