2021 Lifespan Respite Grantee and Partner Training and Technical Assistance Needs Assessment

*Preliminary High-Level Findings*

**Top Four Most Preferred T/TA Formats**

1. Webinars with Outside Experts
2. Learning Collaboratives
3. In-Person Meetings
4. Toolkits; Guidebooks & Manuals (tied)

**Respite during and after COVID-19**

Each of the following topics was identified as “Extremely Important” or “Very Important” by 80% or more of respondents

- **Non-virtual respite during the Covid pandemic**
  Interest expressed in the following subtopics: Alternatives to in-person respite; tested alternatives to traditional respite: increasing access and decreasing barriers during Covid

- **Virtual services and supports during Covid**
  Interest expressed in the following subtopics: Identifying and implementing successful models; identifying and providing virtual supports; increasing access and decreasing barriers to virtual respite

- **Changes in service impact, delivery and design**
  Interest expressed in the following subtopics: Preferred types of service during the pandemic; modifying voucher programs during the pandemic for greater use and flexibility; respite provider recruitment and training during Covid

**General Lifespan Respite Priority Areas of Interest**

- **Top needs: Building respite systems; Delivery of respite services**
  85+% of respondents ranked as Extremely or Very Important

- **Intermediate needs: Performance measurement and data collection; Sustainability**
  75+% of respondents ranked as Extremely or Very Important

- **Lower rated needs: Starting voucher systems**
  50% of respondents ranked as Extremely or Very Important (likely influenced by the number of LRP programs that already have voucher programs up and running).

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