

# The Social Services Administration's (SSA), Office of Adult Services (OAS) 2016 Lifespan Respite Care Project Grant

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## Committees

In order for this project to be successful, we are looking for groups of people willing to work cooperatively to accomplish a common mission using their knowledge, experience, talents and gifts in the context of mutual accountability.

**Below is a list of four committees and some of the functions the committees may include.**

### Training

- Assist in the development of a consortium of Maryland Caregivers, Recipients and Professional that will design and deliver a respite Info-social model of training and activities
- Support the enhanced training of qualified caregivers and professionals assuring the inclusion of diverse target populations
- Assist in the development of opportunities to access information on topics of interest that will increase skills for caregivers and lower stress levels
- Identify professionals willing and able to share their expertise with potential respite care workers, family caregivers, care recipients and the general public to increase the community's knowledge and awareness of caregiving issues.

### Volunteer Development

- Assist in the development of volunteer training programs
- Partner with Maryland's Higher Educational System to recruit and train qualified students studying in health and disability related fields and offer internships or volunteer respite opportunities to assist families caring for children and adults with special needs
- Work in identifying faith-based congregations to develop volunteer training programs for participating congregations willing to address the needs of caregivers in their communities

### Access

- Identify existing respite care programs and services, waitlists, and target population to be served by this project
- Assist in the development of a central repository for provider information.
- Identify ways to streamline access to information
- Assist in the creation of a universal application

### Outreach and Expansion

- Identify ways to offer support and information about respite issues and services to a wider population across the state
- Identify gaps in the current array of services
- Seek avenues to build and expand respite capacity and improve services across the Lifespan
- Advocate for caregivers and recipients of care across the state of Maryland

