

Overview of Maryland's Lifespan Emergency Respite Program



BY:

ELIZABETH WEGLEIN, CEO

ELIZABETH COONEY CARE NETWORK

&

CHANDLER JOHNSON, MSW INTERN,

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Maryland Lifespan Emergency Respite Grant



- A Statewide survey conducted in 2014/2015 by the Maryland Caregiving Support Coordinating Council (now Maryland Commission on Caregiving) found:
 - That respite was an unmet need, despite available services
 - The outcome of the survey led to the application for the Lifespan Emergency Respite Grant in 2016

**Respite
#1
Unmet
Need**

Emergency Respite Need Definition



- **An *unplanned* event that requires**
 - *unavoidable* absence of the care recipient's primary informal caregiver
 - respite services needed within 72 hours of the request
 - Short term respite

Examples: Funeral, hospitalization, gaps of care



\$225 Grant Guidelines



- Can be used all at once or;
- Can be used in segments, and bank the remained of unused funds for use later on within the 12 months.
- Cash is not utilized or given to the grantee.
- Funds will not rollover into the following 12 months for that family;
- Family can reapply in the next anniversary year for another \$225 grant.

\$225 Grant Guidelines cont...



- Flexibility for payments include retroactive payments within 15 days, which requires supporting documents prior to grant release.
- Services may be denied if direct care recipient is experiencing a medical emergency, psychiatric crisis or other intervention

Program Guidelines



- ✓ 1 one request per 12 month period per family
- ✓ \$225 maximum grant per family per 12 month period (does not have to be utilized all at once)
- ✓ Must be used within 72hours-immediate care

Only Requirement



- Yes, must have a 72 hour need for care due to an unplanned & unavoidable event.
- *No income requirements*
- *No needs screening*
- *No age requirement*
- *No location requirement*
- *No gatekeeper required*

Service Options



- **3 Flexible Options**

- **Home-Based** the agency sends a qualified Respite Care worker to your home
- **Site-Based** the agency provides the respite at a site other than your home, out in the community, such as Adult Day Care or licensed Child Care Provider
- **Respite Grant** you coordinate and select your own Respite Care worker* and the agency reimburses you for the expense

**note that the worker cannot be a family member who lives in the household*

**must fill out paperwork as proof prior to grant release*

Two Levels of Respite Care



1. Level I

Oversight and support of the care recipient and personal care services

2. Level II

Skilled care delivered by a health practitioner licensed by the Maryland Department of Health



Contact Info



Elizabeth Cooney Personnel Care, LLC

Elizabeth Weglein, CEO

410-323-1700 *or* 410-608-7966

ew@elizabethcooneyagency.com

24-hour availability

Pre-registration options available

Services available across Maryland