

Contributions of time, talent and treasure in sustaining Lifespan Respite

As a regular part of our collective lifespan respite work, coalition and planning partners generously contribute time, talent and treasure to support lifespan respite. By articulating our appreciation through our speech *and in writing*, our partners more clearly understand why they are involved, why their involvement is important, and how much we value their contributions.

State coalition or planning groups may include the following information (as a starting point) in orientation meetings and materials; on websites when appropriate; in planning and sustainability documents; and in private and public acknowledgment of the many contributions our coalition and planning partners make. Intentionally supporting these commitments supports sustainability.

Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coalition/planning members attend regularly scheduled meetings.• Coalition/planning members attend and participate in periodic planning sessions such as State Summits.• Coalition/planning members take time to share information about themselves (if they are caregivers) and/or the agencies or organizations they represent.• Coalition/planning members take time to relay information to others—caregiver-to-caregiver, family-to-family and/or to the agencies or organizations they represent or are a part of.
Talent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coalition/planning members are provided opportunities to share their expertise during regularly scheduled meetings.• Coalition/planning members are requested service on task forces or work groups that provide opportunities to share particular expertise on key topics or initiatives.• Coalition/planning members may independently or in partnership conduct outreach activities such as regional or state conferences; presentations to businesses and employers; and/or “on the roads” or “lunch and learns”.
Treasure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coalition/planning members, or the agencies or organizations they represent, may make significant financial contributions signified by Memoranda of Understanding or contracts.• Coalition/planning members, or the agencies or organizations they represent, may contribute physical space for offices or meetings; office supplies; food and drink for meetings; technology support; or shared websites, for example.• Coalition/planning members, or the agencies or organizations they represent, support travel for colleagues or caregivers to attend conferences/meetings.• Coalition/planning members, or the agencies or organizations they represent, may provide support for respite services to family caregivers to allow their participation in coalition/planning activities.• Coalition/planning members may support sustainability activities through business, policy (within legal limits) and/or social contacts.• Coalition/planning members, or the agencies or organizations they represent, may support sustainability activities through individual talents such as grant writing or evaluation expertise.

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ARCH Sustainability Resources

https://lifespanrespite.wildapricot.org/Sustainability_Tools

Financing Strategies

https://lifespanrespite.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Sustainability_Toolkit/Financing_Strategies_Matrix.pdf