

## Respite Voucher Learning Collaborative

### CHAT Transcript October 27, 2020

15:07:30 From Marilyn Sword : Jill, I would like to participate in the Collaborative. Let me know next steps.

15:08:22 From Leanne Winchester : Hi everyone. Sorry I'm late!

15:10:18 From Tracy Kahlo (she/her) WA : If you would like to listen to past calls/webinars of the Voucher Learning Collaborative and view resources, please visit <https://lifespanspите.wildapricot.org/Voucher-Learning-Collaborative>

15:10:42 From Tracy Kahlo (she/her) WA : Nevada's Respite Rx: Lessons Learned

Last year, Cheryl Dinnell with the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division, presented a description of their pilot respite voucher program, Respite Rx, in a Voucher Learning Collaborative Webinar

15:10:55 From Tracy Kahlo (she/her) WA : Voucher Learning Collaborative Webinar

15:11:11 From Tracy Kahlo (she/her) WA : [https://lifespanspите.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Voucher\\_Learning\\_Collaborative/9-19-19\\_DeepDive\\_Webinar/Deep%20Dive%20into%20Respite%20Voucher%20Implementation\\_9-19-2019.pdf](https://lifespanspите.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Voucher_Learning_Collaborative/9-19-19_DeepDive_Webinar/Deep%20Dive%20into%20Respite%20Voucher%20Implementation_9-19-2019.pdf)

15:11:52 From Tracy Kahlo (she/her) WA : Lifespan Respite TA Center <https://lifespanspите.wildapricot.org/Voucher-Learning-Collaborative>

15:12:30 From Linda Wolf : Linda Wolf with NextStep for Life in Missouri--We operate a voucher respite program for our county for individuals with I/DD.

15:12:58 From Ann Mangelsdorf : Hi, I'm Ann Mangelsdorf with the St. Louis Arc's respite program, ARCH out of St. Louis Missouri.

15:13:24 From Lisa Dokter : Lisa Dokter, Easterseals Colorado, Colorado Respite Coalition. Nice to e-meet you all.

15:13:43 From Deana Prest : We haven't started a voucher model yet.

15:17:07 From Linda Wolf : In home services almost solely in our county.

15:17:10 From Alicia Blater : In NC, the number of vouchers we have had has stayed the same until this point, but now they are increasing due to CARES funding and COVID-19 relief funds and we are contracting with new, additional providers to reach a new audience of caregivers.

15:18:10 From Alicia Blater : Overwhelmingly we are still seeing caregivers choose to use their vouchers to hire private individuals or distant family members.

15:19:32 From Lori Stalbaum : Lori Stalbaum - ACL Lifespan Respite Project Officer - hello everyone! :)

15:19:48 From James Davis : In MS, The numbers spiked for a while but began to decline as the COVID cases increased.

15:21:15 From mweltz : Mary Weltz-North Dakota. Department of Human Services, Aging Services Division, Grantee

15:22:24 From Amber Goodrich : Hello! I'm Amber Goodrich with the New York State Office for the Aging. We are putting together a workgroup that will start in January to expand our Caregiver-Directed model (possibly a voucher model) for respite care under the NFCSP and to develop a voucher model for Lifespan Respite.

15:24:01 From Lynn Fyanes : MATCH is more difficult !

15:26:03 From Marilyn Sword : Idaho will be holding its first VIRTUAL statewide caregiver conference in February and we can share info regarding outreach as well as platform info.

15:26:48 From Lynn Fyanes : Thank you Lori! Virtual makes it challenging

15:36:06 From Deana Prest : I wonder if anyone has tried partnering with pharmacy chains to have a flier included in prescription bags as a way to reach new caregivers?

15:38:40 From Rachal Hatton--SC Respite Coalition : Deana, that's a great idea.

15:39:41 From Nancy Ranalli: We tried to work with a couple pharmacy chains in DE, but it never got very far unfortunately.

15:55:02 From Casandra Firman : Years ago, the Lifespan Respite group in Oregon was able to partner with pharmacies. The respite program printed respite information on the pharmacy bags. The pharmacies got free bags with their information as usual,

16:00:16 From Linda Wolf : Wonderful data! I've worked in respite for 36 years and I've heard much of the same things from family caregivers. But I've never captured the data.

16:05:45 From Tracy Kahlo (she/her) WA : The Loneliness Shadow Pandemic very powerful. "...dangerous as smoking a pack of cigarettes..." Full attention and beyond valuable data.

16:11:16 From Casandra Firman : Thank you, Cheryl. Brilliant

16:11:37 From Doris Green : Excellent thanks you!

16:12:00 From Leanne Winchester : Great presentation. Thanks!

16:12:01 From Susan Summers : Cheryl, Thank you for this work. Excellent presentation, and important work.

16:12:07 From Susan Gulas : Great presentation Cheryl!!!

16:12:32 From Aietah Stephens : How long did they participate and how many participated? Sorry if I missed that part.

16:12:37 From Marilyn Sword : Can Cheryl share the survey questions?

16:12:47 From Lori Stalbaum : Thank you. Super interesting; chock full of excellent information.

16:14:19 From Lita Nelson : Very informative, great presentation!

16:19:07 From Deana Prest : I will reach out to see if there is a report to be shared. The data that was shared was that there were 60 companion pets as part of the pilot – prior to adoption, the case manager used the loneliness screen at pre-adoption, and at 3, 6 and 12 months. After 12 months – we had 70% of the individuals who adopted a pet had a reduction/significant reduction in isolation after 1 year. One county implemented a pain scale also and out of four customers – three went from a 9/10 on pain scale to a ½ after one year.

16:19:58 From Marilyn Sword : Our Family Caregiver Navigator project in Idaho is using an Rx pad for providers to use to encourage/refer caregivers. I will send Jill a picture.

16:20:51 From Deana Prest : Forgot to mention the name of the tool - DeJong Gierveld Loneliness Scale

16:23:46 From Deana Prest : Also, I will add that as of August 1, 2020 New York is requiring that the loneliness questions be asked as part of the comprehensive assessment process.

16:28:13 From Leanne Winchester : I agree! Outreach would be a great topic

16:30:54 From Tracy Kahlo (she/her) WA : Thank you all, excellent presentation!

16:30:54 From Marilyn Sword : Thanks !