

Lifespan Respite Care Program

Project Summary

Grantee Organization: Colorado Department of Human Services, State Unit on Aging

State: Colorado

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Project Overview:

The Colorado Department of Human Services, State Unit on Aging (CDHS-SUA), supported by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and in partnership with the Colorado Respite Coalition (CRC) and the Chronic Care Collaborative (CCC) will, in a three-year project improve the delivery and quality of respite care offered in Colorado. The **goal** of this project is to establish a statewide, coordinated system to meet the respite care needs of Colorado's family caregivers of individuals with special needs regardless of age, income, race, ethnicity, situation or disability.

Project **objectives** are to: (1) identify and coordinate existing respite resources; (2) establish a lifespan respite program infrastructure; (3) increase the availability of trained respite workers and volunteers, and (4) increase awareness about respite services.

Outcomes and Products:

Anticipated **outcomes** include: (1) family caregivers will be able to easily access respite resources and supports and (2) care workers and volunteers will demonstrate increased ability to provide specialized respite care.

The planned **products** include a lifespan respite web site, respite worker training and associated guidelines, tips for choosing a respite care provider guide, a respite voucher program, marketing and outreach materials, and a final report highlighting lessons learned and an evaluation of the project's work.