

# Lifespan Respite Care Program

## Project Summary

**Grantee Organization:** Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

**State:** Delaware

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### Project Overview:

The Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD), in partnership with the Delaware Lifespan Respite Care Network (DLRCN) and key stakeholders will expand and maintain a statewide coordinated lifespan respite system that builds on the infrastructure currently in place. The **goal** of this project is to improve the delivery and quality of respite services available to families across age and disability spectrums by expanding and coordinating existing respite systems in Delaware.

To accomplish this goal, the project will address the following objectives: 1) improve lifespan respite infrastructure; 2) improve the provision of information and awareness about respite services; 3) streamline access to respite services through the Delaware ADRC; 4) increase availability of respite services.

### Outcomes and Products:

Anticipated outcomes include (but are not limited to): families and caregivers of all ages and disabilities will have greater options for choosing a respite provider; providers will demonstrate increased ability to provide specialized respite care; families will have streamlined access to information and satisfaction with respite services, respite care will be provided using a variety of existing funding sources and a sustainability plan will be developed to support the project in the future.

Expected **products** include marketing and outreach materials, caregiver training, respite worker training, a Respite Online searchable database, two new Caregiver Resource Centers (CRC), an annual Respite Summit, a respite voucher program and 24/7 telephone information and referral services.