

Lifespan Respite Care Program

Project Summary

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State: Kansas

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Project Overview:

The Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA), in collaboration with the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition, ADRCs and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services supports the development of the Kansas Lifespan Respite Project. The **goal** of the project is to expand access to and improve the quality of respite services for residents across the state, regardless of age, disability or special need.

Three primary **objectives** will be achieved: (1) expand coordination, participation and dissemination of respite resources resulting in a statewide respite network; (2) increase family caregiver access to and ease in securing respite providers; and (3) increase availability of qualified respite providers and skilled caregivers statewide.

Outcomes and Products:

Anticipated **outcomes** include: (1) coordinated respite provider services and information through enhancement of KDOA's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) website; (2) increased public awareness of respite through innovative information campaign; (3) increased caregiver knowledge and access through one-stop point of service; (4) increased training opportunities for family caregivers and respite professionals; and (5) adoption of long-term sustainability plan.

Products from the project will include an enhanced/expanded website; enhanced/expanded ADRC Online Resource Manual; information campaign materials (brochures, fact sheets, news briefs) targeting the general public and non-English speaking individuals; quarterly progress and final reports to the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA); evaluation findings; and training curricula.