

# Lifespan Respite Care Program

## Project Summary

**Grantee Organization:** Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

**State:** Louisiana

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### Project Overview:

The Louisiana Lifespan Respite Project, in collaboration with a broad base of consumer and provider organizations and managed by the Louisiana Lifespan Respite Coalition, supports this project to build and expand coordinated long-term care services in the state. The **goal** of the Lifespan Respite Care Project in Louisiana is to provide a statewide, comprehensive, and coordinated approach to meet the lifespan respite care needs for Louisiana's family caregivers of individuals with disabilities and/or chronic conditions.

Major **objectives** include: formalizing and expanding the Louisiana Lifespan Coalition; updating the statewide database of long-term care services, particularly as it relates to respite care services; marketing Louisiana's Aging and Disability Resource Centers as the premier source of information about respite care; educating consumers, providers, and funders about the definition, the benefits of and the need for respite care, including the most efficient methods of providing respite care in Louisiana; and promoting education and training for family caregivers to increase the availability of informal respite care.

### Outcomes and Products:

Anticipated **outcomes** include: enhanced and coordinated information available about respite care services available for care recipient throughout the lifespan; increased consumer knowledge of and acceptance of respite services, and increased the availability of lifespan respite care throughout the state.

Project **products** include enhanced information on state web sites, a "how-to" manual for program implementation, and progress reports as required.