

# Lifespan Respite Care Program

## Project Summary

**Grantee Organization:** Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Aging Services Bureau

**State:** Montana

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### Project Overview:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), in collaboration with the Montana Lifespan Respite Coalition and Montana's ADRC network will implement the Lifespan Respite Care Program. The **goal** of the project is to build the infrastructure for a sustainable Lifespan Respite program that makes respite services in Montana more accessible for all caregivers.

The following **objectives** will be achieved: (1) work with interested parties to develop a viable statewide Lifespan Respite Coalition; (2) assess caregiver needs for respite and increase the ability of respite providers to meet those needs using a Lifespan Respite model; (3) reduce programmatic barriers to the provision of respite through Department funded respite programs; (4) develop a statewide website with a database identifying respite providers, eligibility requirements, and funding sources for respite, thus enabling caregivers to access information to make informed decisions about respite care; and (5) increase caregivers' and the public's awareness about the need for and availability of respite.

### Outcomes and Products:

Anticipated **outcomes** include: (1) increased coordination between the Department's five programs funding respite; (2) increased awareness of the availability of respite; and (3) more accessible, sustainable respite care programs serving all client populations.

**Products** from the project will include PSAs on respite issues and educational materials on the availability and efficacy of using respite; a website with a searchable statewide respite database; and a written action plan created by the working group with recommendations to streamline the delivery of respite services.