

Lifespan Respite Care Program

Project Summary

Grantee Organization: Ohio Department of Aging

State: Ohio

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Project Overview:

The Ohio Department of Aging in partnership with the Ohio Respite Coalition, Family and Children First Cabinet Council, Ohio's Aging and Disability Resource Network, and research and evaluation partners propose to unite and expand respite programs, services and resources available to families/caregivers of children with disabilities, adults with disabilities and older adults into an integrated lifespan respite system in Ohio. The **goal** of the project is to unite and develop current respite programs, services and resources available to families/caregivers of children with disabilities, adults with disabilities and older adults into an integrated respite system.

The following **objectives** will be achieved: (1) support and sustain the newly formed statewide respite coalition; (2) gather information about the needs of consumers and what respite services and resources currently exist in Ohio; (3) develop a strategic plan to serve as a roadmap to the future; (4) educate consumers, families, caregivers, and referral sources about the availability and benefits of respite; and (5) funding the development of delivery models that work, including but not limited to universal respite voucher and volunteer respite programs.

Outcomes and Products:

Anticipated **outcomes** include: (1) increased participation in the OH Respite Coalition; (2) a common definition and service specifications for respite across at least five state-administered funding streams; (3) inclusion of respite information into at least three statewide program registries; (4) train at least six referral source organizations; (5) increase the number of caregivers/families using respite by seven percent; (6) increase quantity of respite workers by five percent; and (6) increase consumer satisfaction by five percent.

Products will include a five-year strategic plan, media/materials that promote the benefits of respite, training curricula, and at least three tested delivery models with "how to" manuals to support implementation.