Lifespan Respite Care Program

51st Annual Autism Society
National Conference
July 9–11, 2019
Respite is...

Planned or emergency care provided to a child or adult with special needs in order to provide temporary relief to family caregivers who are caring for that child or adult.

Lifespan Respite Care Act definition
PL 109-442
Respite

Benefits

Access

Barriers
Lifespan Respite ... a system of services

**Lifespan Respite Definition:**

- Coordinated *SYSTEMS* of accessible, community-based respite services for all family caregivers regardless of age or special need.

- Grew from state initiatives in OR, OK, NE and WI
Federal Lifespan Respite Care Program

U.S. Administration for Community Living administers competitive state grants for required uses of funds:

- Development or enhancement of State and local Lifespan Respite systems
- Planned or emergency respite for all ages
- Training and recruitment of providers/volunteers
- Provision of information to caregivers about respite services, and assistance in gaining access
Lifespan Respite State Grants Awarded as of 2018

Lifespan Respite State Grantees
Expansion Grantees
Integration and Sustainability Grantees
Advancing States

Courtesy of Administration for Community Living
Lifespan Respite Built on Collaboration

State Lead Agency + ADRC/No Wrong Door + State Respite Coalition → State Lifespan Respite System
Evolving Focus of Grantee Activities

Building a Statewide Infrastructure → Service Delivery → Systems Integration and Long-Term Sustainability
Lifespan Respite Care Program Reauthorization Act of 2019

- 11 Cosponsors
- Authorizes $200 million over five years (FY 2020-FY 2024)
- Health Subcommittee of House Energy and Commerce Committee held hearing on June 25
- Senate bill (S. 995) introduced by Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) and Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
- Bill endorsed by 48 national organizations
Lifespan Respite Appropriations

- House-passed Labor-HHS-Education bill includes $10 million for Lifespan Respite in FY 2020
- Advocates urging Senate to include $20 million
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