



Lifespan Respite Grant (2014-2017)

The goal of the Lifespan Respite Grant (2014-2017) is to continue building a coordinated Lifespan Respite Program that is fully integrated into the New York State Long Term Services and Supports System (LTSS) and fully sustainable beyond the period of Federal funding. Accomplishments this past year include:

NYSOFA/NY Connects

- Staff at NYSOFA working on the NY Connects Resource Directory listings by reviewing a subset of respite-related listings and adding key words to improve consistency of search returns.

New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition (NYSCRC)

- Continues to build its capacity, conduct outreach to the public, and develop implementation strategies to meet the Program deliverables.
- Monthly Newsletters and Updates - NYSCRC distributed its Newsletter and/or update at least monthly to over 1,000 people and/or organizations via email.
- NYSCRC updated its Web site during 2017 and continues to build content and enhance the NYSCRC Web Site <http://www.nyscrc.org/>. The NYSCRC Director works with NYSOFA and NY Connects at the state level to make the NYSCRC Web site a “go-to” place for information tailored to informal caregivers and the professionals who serve them across New York. The Web site includes links to the NY Connects Resource Directory, to NYSOFA, and to other sites and organizations concerning caregiver and respite issues and services. The NYSCRC Director has added links to all current organizations who are members of NYSCRC, and has reached out to over 1,000 aging and disability groups across New York, inviting them to join NYSCRC and offering to feature a link to their organization on the NYSCRC Web site.
- Statewide Conference - NYSCRC held its annual conference on October 3, 2017 in Albany, NY. The Conference theme, “Understanding and Effectively Engaging Caregivers” brought together state and local agencies, family caregivers and the professionals who support them. An expert group of speakers and panelists provided valuable information from both their professional and personal experiences to an estimated 130 attendees.
- Launched a Caregiver Simulation - held three during 2017, with attendance between 45-60 at each session. The goals for the simulation are: to enhance understanding of caregiver responsibility and stress; enhance knowledge of community services; understand what caregivers experience day to day and how the age wave impacts the need for services. Plans for 2018 include expanding the simulation into the business community across NYS.

