

Lifespan Respite Care Program Enhancement Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY

Grantee Organization: North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)

State: North Carolina

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Contact: TBD

Project Overview:

The **goal** of the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), in partnership with key stakeholders, is to further develop the state's Lifespan Respite Care Program into a sustainable Lifespan Respite Care system.

Project objectives: 1) enhance and increase the provision of direct services by trained respite providers and volunteers; 2) increase and strengthen collaborations and partnerships; and 3) identify gaps in services and increase efforts to target underserved populations across the lifespan.

Proposed interventions: more fully integrate lifespan respite with NCCARE 360, the state's No Wrong Door approach; help develop a planned caregiver screening tool; develop caregiver and respite resources training for the Division of Child Welfare, Adult Protective Services, the Community Health Worker Program and the NC Autism Society; expand reach of a virtual online web-based caregiver education for caregivers of older adults who receive a Lifespan Respite voucher; continue the Lifespan Respite voucher program; and build capacity of volunteer respite providers through a volunteer respite consortium.

Outcomes and Products:

Anticipated outcomes: 1) a state system of public and private partnerships that supports caregivers across the lifespan with informed and appropriate service referrals; 2) a personalized, skills-based learning experience to foster competent, confident caregivers of older adults; and 3) a supportive, capacity-building network for volunteer respite providers.

Expected products: caregiver and respite resource training presentations for community health, child welfare, and adult protective services workers; outreach materials for caregivers in crisis; survey tool for advisory team members and providers of NC's publicly funded respite options; two virtual on-demand modules for caregivers of older adults about respite as a restorative benefit and using a consumer-directed respite voucher; and logic model to be used to develop a performance measurement plan for a new volunteer respite consortium.

