Lifespan Respite Care Program Enhancement Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY

Grantee Organization: New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA)
State: New York
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Project Overview:

New York’s Lifespan Respite Core Team – New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA), Monroe County Office for the Aging (MCOFA), New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition (NYSCRC), and NY Connects/NWD will build capacity through collaboration and coordination, with input from caregivers and other key stakeholders to meet the goal and objectives.

The goal is to strengthen New York’s Lifespan Respite Care System through expanded respite services, new partnerships, and targeted outreach statewide to provide a sustainable, coordinated respite care system to support caregivers across the age and disability spectrum.

Project objectives: 1) increase the number and types of partnerships to strengthen New York’s Lifespan Respite Care System; 2) expand volunteer respite care services, training, and oversight across the age and disability spectrum; 3) expand outreach strategies to address underserved populations with respite care and build emergency respite capacity; and 4) expand workforce initiative with businesses in supporting working caregivers.

Proposed interventions: expand collaboration and coordination with new partners as part of sustainability planning and for additional respite service delivery; expand volunteer respite model; develop a respite voucher model, including emergency respite for underserved populations; increase training and technical assistance; develop additional support materials, such as information brochures for businesses to disseminate to employees who are working caregivers; and focus on special target populations and organizations to help address barriers to and gaps in services.

Outcomes and Products:

Anticipated outcomes: 1) enhanced policy framework to strengthen the network of caregiving and respite supports; 2) improved well-being for caregivers receiving volunteer respite services; 3) improved delivery of respite services for identified underserved populations; 4) improved standardization of respite resources in the NY Connects Resource Directory; and 5) enhanced knowledge of businesses about working caregivers.

Expected products: Volunteer Respite train-the-trainer curriculum; online module and respite provider monitoring tool; supplemental materials to NYS Caregiver Guide for Businesses; outreach materials for volunteer recruitment, caregivers in the workforce, and National Family Caregiver Support Program; preparing for emergencies program for caregivers; respite resources tool for the NY Connects Resource Directory; Caregiver Simulation manual; and final report, including program evaluation.

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