

NC Statewide Volunteer Caregiver Respite Consortium

With the support of the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, this is an initiative to build a consortium of organizations and groups across the State of North Carolina that are operating volunteer respite programs for family caregivers.

The purpose of the initiative is to facilitate information sharing among programs, support the expansion of existing programs, and support the creation of new programs across the State.

Types of Programs to Be Included in the Consortium

The intent is to be very inclusive and creative about the types of volunteer respite programs represented in the consortium including:

- Programs operated by nonprofit corporate organizations
- Programs operated by unincorporated groups
- Programs operated by government entities
- Programs operated by communities of faith
- Programs serving family caregivers of older adults and adults with chronic or severe health conditions or disease
- Programs serving family caregivers of children and adults with disabilities

What Can Consortium Members Expect?

Once the consortium is established (*expected by June 2022*), members will:

- Be invited to participate in several educational and information sharing meetings each year
- Receive a listing of other volunteer caregiver respite programs in the State
- Receive information about best practices in operating volunteer programs
- Receive information about funding opportunities for volunteer caregiver respite programs

To get involved, simply let a member of the Steering Committee know you are interested. They will add you to the email list so that you will receive invites to upcoming meetings.

There is no charge for consortium membership, and members can leave the consortium at any time.

Questions? Reach out to any member of the Steering Committee.

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The Volunteer Caregiver Respite Consortium is an initiative included in the State's three-year Lifespan Respite Grant approved by the U.S. Administration on Community Living. While the creation of the initiative is funded by NC DAAS through 2023, The Center for Volunteer Caregiving has pledged ongoing support to administer and lead the consortium beyond 2023.

The Center for Volunteer Caregiving is a nonprofit organization created in 1992 to provide unskilled volunteer services to older adults living independently in Wake County, such as friendly visits, help around the house, transportation to medical appointments and basic needs shops, and respite visits for unpaid family caregivers.