Webinar
Tools for Collaboration: Building and Sustaining Partnerships for Lifespan Respite

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Collaboration Continuum

**Networking**
- Exchanging information for mutual benefit

**Coordination**
- Exchanging information and altering activities for mutual benefit and common purpose

**Cooperation**
- Exchanging information, altering activities, sharing resources for mutual benefit and common purpose

**Collaboration**
- Exchanging information, altering activities, sharing resources, and enhancing each other’s capacity for mutual benefit and common purpose
Collaboration in Lifespan Respite

- Lifespan Respite Definition: “A coordinated system of community-based respite for family caregivers of children and adults with special needs.”

- Mandated collaboration between the state respite coalition and the state lead entity.

- Role of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
Today’s Program

• Barbara Snyder  
  Building a State Respite Coalition and Growing it into a State Lifespan Network

• Barbara Schwartz  
  Bringing State Agencies Together for Respite

• Joseph Lugo  
  Aging and Disability Resource Centers As Models for Collaboration

• Questions
The Delaware Experience: Building a State Coalition

- History of the DE Caregivers Support Coalition
- Recruiting Members
- Goals – having direction
- Products
Current DE Coalition Structure and Purpose

- Membership
- Coalition Structure
- Major Activities – Lifespan Respite Care Network

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Growing the DE Coalition into the DE Lifespan Respite Network

- Current Status
- Expanding State Agency Partnerships
- Working with the ADRC
- Keeping Members Engaged:
  - Inclusive
  - Informed
  - Goal-Oriented
The Illinois Experience: State Agencies Come Together for Respite

- **History of State Agency Respite Collaboration**
  - Illinois Dept. of Aging/Relatives Raising Children
  - Illinois Respite Coalition (IRC)
  - National Family Caregiver Support Program/ AAAs
  - IRC/AAAs/IDoA
  - IRC/IDoA/State Agencies
    - Dept. of Children & Family Services
    - Dept. of Human Services
Components of Illinois Lifespan Respite Program

- Training/Education/Outreach

- Collaboration/Task Force
  - Assessment of Respite Services, Programs & Eligibility

- Accessibility to Information & Resources
  - Web Site
  - Toll Free Number
  - Brochure
Nature of IL State Agency Collaboration

- How extensive is collaboration among state agencies for purposes of Lifespan Respite?
- Level of Success
- Methods for Maintaining Success
- Roles of State Respite Coalitions, ADRCs
Examples of Innovative Collaborations in Illinois Lifespan Respite

- Partnership with crisis nurseries
- Provision of Emergency Respite
- Utilizing support group resources
Aging & Disability Resource Centers:
National Overview
**Figure 1. Persons agreeing with the following statements, by disability (N=489).**

- **You know what services are available and how to apply.**
  - DD: 22%
  - Injury: 28%
  - Mental Illness: 25%
  - Frail Elderly: 28%
  - Chronic Illness: 27%

- **Information about services is simple and clear.**
  - DD: 14%
  - Injury: 24%
  - Mental Illness: 26%
  - Frail Elderly: 26%
  - Chronic Illness: 25%

- **Applying for services is simple.**
  - DD: 11%
  - Injury: 19%
  - Mental Illness: 14%
  - Frail Elderly: 26%
  - Chronic Illness: 22%

- **Your plan of care is based on choices you made about your care.**
  - DD: 26%
  - Injury: 35%
  - Mental Illness: 26%
  - Frail Elderly: 33%
  - Chronic Illness: 34%
CMS & AoA Vision for ADRC

• **To have Aging and Disability Resource Centers in every community serving as highly visible and trusted places where people of all incomes and ages can get information on the full range of long term support options and a single point of entry for access to public long term support programs and benefits.**
• Awareness & Information
  – Public Education
  – Information on Options

• Assistance
  – Options Counseling
  – Benefits Counseling
  – Employment Options Counseling
  – Referral
  – Crisis Intervention
  – Planning for Future Needs

• Access
  – Eligibility Screening
  – Private Pay Services
  – Comprehensive Assessment
  – Programmatic Eligibility Determination
  – Medicaid Financial Eligibility Determination
  – One-Stop Access to all public programs
ADRCs are not about replacing existing organizations and networks. It’s about building a better, more coordinated network.
## Partnerships Play an Important Role in ADRCs

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<th>State Level (n=39)</th>
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<td>Total Number of Partnerships</td>
<td>366</td>
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- Formal agreements
- Formal referral protocols
- Co-location
- Cross-training staff
- Joint marketing & outreach
- Client service collaboration
- Sharing I&R resources
- Sharing client data
• What does a good partner look like?
• What do you look like?

Where do you start?

• Do a self examination
• How do you define your organization
• Who are you?/What do you do

Are you prepared for partnerships?

• Can your board
• Can your staff
• How do you protect your core
• What is the cost of partnership
• What about compromise

• Why would anyone want to partner with you
• What impact do you want/should you have
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