Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) & the Illinois Respite Coalition (IRC)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
❖ Virtual training through RCAW, ARCH, NASHP Pilot Project
➢ 88 individuals registered
➢ Created new partnerships with IDOA, IL Caregiver Coalition
➢ IDHS promotion of training statewide
➢ Facilitate statewide respite registry

https://illinois-respitecarewi.talentlms.com/
PROGRAMS & RESOURCES WE OFFER

❖ Creation of the Statewide Respite Information Line
  ➢ Over 1,100 calls in the fourth quarter

❖ ACL Emergency Respite Care Program
  ➢ 140 caregivers were served between January and June
  ➢ Over 384 applications were submitted for ERC funding
  ➢ 54% of individuals served made less than $25k per year
  ➢ 47% of caregivers served identified as Black / 23% identified as Hispanic or Latinx / 8% identified as Asian

❖ In-Home and Voucher Program (IDHS)
  ➢ In-home covers statewide except Cook county
  ➢ Voucher program targets 69 central and southern IL counties

❖ Virtual Programming added to our website
  ➢ Asynchronous programs added (categorized)
  ➢ Synchronous programs and trainings to be added this year through partnerships
  ➢ Over 34,000 website views in FY22
ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES + UPDATES

❖ A Conversation with Caregivers
  ➢ Led by IRC board members discussing their experience as caregivers to those with mental illness

❖ Caregiver Virtual Care Package
  ➢ Contains links to virtual resources
  ➢ Referred caregivers to agencies and other opportunities they might be interested in

❖ Sunday Spotlight
  ➢ Featured some of the families and caregivers who utilized respite programs

❖ This coming year....
  ➢ Kicking off their the lending library
    ■ Provides iPads or Amazon Alexa to caregivers
  ➢ Expansion of Illinois’ respite worker database
  ➢ IL Respite taskforce
  ➢ Statewide Caregiver Survey

http://www.illinoisrespitecoalition.org/home.html