



Lifespan Respite Care Program (42 U.S.C 201)

Purposes (Sec. 2901):

- (1) to expand and enhance respite care services to family caregivers;
- (2) to improve the statewide dissemination and coordination of respite care; and
- (3) to provide, supplement, or improve access and quality of respite care services to family caregivers, thereby reducing family caregiver strain.



ARCH Steps to Performance Metrics for Lifespan Respite Programs

2012

- Data Workgroup established

2013

- **Learning Symposium:** *Developing a Lifespan Respite Logic Model: Articulating a Shared Framework for Accountability*
- Expert Panel established

2014

- **Report:** *Measuring Systems Change and Consumer Outcomes: Recommendations for Developing Performance Metrics for State Lifespan Respite Programs*
- **Resource:** *Sample Performance Measurement Tools for Lifespan Respite Programs*

2015

- **Learning Symposium:** *Lifespan Respite Grantee Role in Providing TA to Local Programs to Ensure Meaningful Outcomes and Sustainability*
- **Learning Symposium:** *Successful State Approaches for Measuring Lifespan Respite Outcomes*
- **Expert Panel Report:** *Research Agenda for Respite Care: Deliberations of an Expert Panel of Researchers, Advocates, and Funders*



Next Steps to Collecting Performance Metrics of Lifespan Respite Programs

Fall-Winter 2017

- Workgroup calls (up to 5)
- Review prior work in Report: *Measuring Systems Change and Consumer Outcomes*.
- Gather ideas and examples for measuring systems-change impact
- Review draft data collection tool

Spring 2018

- Up to 9 grantees “test” a draft of the revised data collection tool

Summer 2018

- Prepare documents for 60-Day Public Comment Period on the revised data collection tool
- Drafts PRA (Paperwork Reduction Act) documents for submission to OMB (Office of Management and Budget)

Winter 2018

- Prepare documents for 30-Day Public Comment Period
- Submit PRA Package to OMB

Spring-Summer 2019

- With approval by OMB, ACL includes new data collection tool in anticipated FOAs for state grantees and national TA partners



Performance Measurement

Purpose

- Performance measurement focuses on whether a program has achieved its objectives, expressed as measurable performance standards. (*Performance Measurement & Evaluation*, GAO-11-646SP, [available at: http://www.gao.gov/assets/80/77277.pdf](http://www.gao.gov/assets/80/77277.pdf))

Considerations: Performance measurement....

- Is directly related to program goals and objectives
- Measures progress of the activities quantitatively
- Is not exhaustive
- Provides a temperature reading – it may not tell you everything you want to know but provides a quick and reliable gauge of selected results