

PUBLICATIONS (Continued)

- “What You Need to Know About Me” – a notebook of forms for family caregivers to leave with respite providers.
- “Respite Benevolence Policy” – a brief how-to outline on setting up a respite fund for faith communities and other organizations.
- “Next Best to Kin: Family Caregiver Respite and the Faith Community” – brochures to inform and inspire respite ministry and inclusion of people needing care.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Benefits of a Break” – overview of the benefits of respite to both family caregiver and care receiver.
- “Desperate for Respite, But Won’t Say Yes”- presentation for gatekeepers (professionals and volunteers) who can coach family caregivers to use respite before a crisis.
- “Establishing and Operating a Respite Voucher Program Within Your Faith Community” – presentation on setting up a respite fund.

Collaborating Organizations

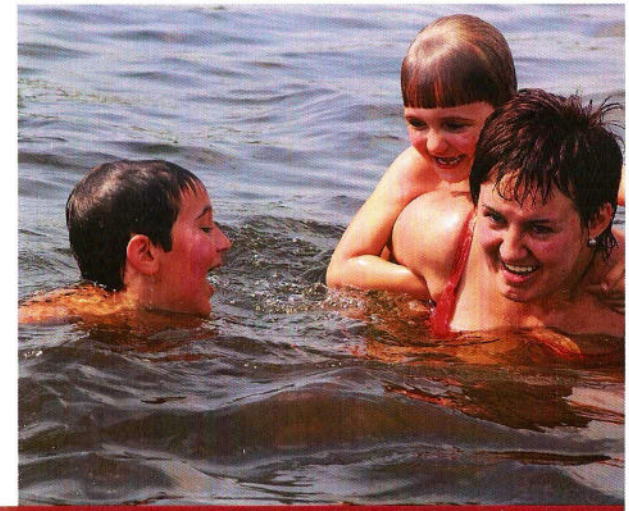
- AARP–South Carolina
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers–SC
- Alzheimer’s Association–SC Chapter
- ARCH National Respite Network
- Brain Injury Alliance of SC
- Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence
- Central Midlands Council of Governments
- Disability and Aging Services, Lt. Governor’s Office on Aging
- Federation of Families of SC
- Family Caregiver Support Programs–SC
- Family Connection of South Carolina, Inc.
- Institute for Families in Society
- Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments
- South Carolina Autism Society
- SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Children with Special Health Care Needs
- South Carolina Christian Action Council
- SC Department of Health & Human Services, Bureau of Long Term Care & Behavioral Support
- SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
- SC Department of Mental Health
- SC Developmental Disabilities Council
- SC Department of Social Services, Child Care Services
- Silver-haired Legislature
- Voices for the Voiceless
- William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center



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Who We Are

The South Carolina Respite Coalition is the only statewide organization addressing the respite needs ACROSS THE LIFESPAN for ALL persons caring for a child or adult who has special needs.

Incorporated in 2001, SC Respite Coalition is the result of the vision of over 30 organizations, led by Family Connection of SC, Inc., the Center for Disability Resources at the USC School of Medicine, and the Institute for Families in Society at the University of South Carolina.

What is Lifespan Respite?

Respite is short term breaks from full time caregiving for family caregivers of any age, caring for someone of any age. Ideally, respite should be intermittent and regular. It can be in the home, in a group setting, or can result from including the loved one with disabilities in typical activities.

Your Gifts Are Most Needed...

The SC Respite Coalition is a non-profit organization funded by donations from people like you. Your contributions are tax deductible and may be mailed to our P.O. Box. There is also a donation form and link on the website.

Why Lifespan Respite?

- Respite is the need most frequently identified by family caregivers of all ages.
- Respite is essential to family preservation and can help prevent abuse.
- It is difficult to find trained respite providers.
- Studies show that one in four to five of all South Carolina families are providing care to a loved one.
- The number of people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia grows by 25% every 10 years.
- One in four of South Carolina's children have been diagnosed with one or more special needs.
- Family caregivers caring for someone in mid-life must manage largely alone.
- Respite is a cost effective service that enables families to keep loved ones at home.

What We Do

- Educate that respite is a medical and mental health necessity for family caregivers.
- Teach family caregivers that a break is also good for their loved one.

- Bring organizations working on respite together.
- Link family caregivers to respite resources.
- Provide funds for respite when available.
- Educate policy makers and the public on the URGENT need for more respite statewide.
- Reach out to faith communities as "next best to kin" for family caregivers.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Benefits of a Break" – brochures for family caregivers or professionals who work with them; discusses the benefits of respite to the care receiver as well as caregiver. Local organizations may request quantities and stamp their local information in it.

