"Quilting The Pieces into Place"
New Hampshire Lifespan Respite Care Program (LRC)

Vision
All caregivers in NH will be able to access high quality, affordable, and culturally appropriate respite, that will be delivered according to the caregivers’ and families’ needs, timelines and special circumstance.

Mission
To recruit and train a pool of qualified respite care providers which NH caregivers can easily access to meet the needs of those they care for, thereby enhancing the quality of life for individuals of all ages.

Respite Challenge in NH
- No Statewide Coordinated System
- No Established Workforce
- No Formalized Training

Advisory Planning Group
- NH Family Voices
- Council for Children and Adults with Chronic Health Conditions
- DHHS Bureau of Behavioral Health
- DHHS Dept. of Children, Youth and Families
- DHHS Bureau of Developmental Services
- DHHS Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services
- Partners in Health
- Cedarcrest Center
- NH Brain Injury Association
- Granite State Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health
- NH National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Adaptive Parent Representation
- UNH Institute on Disabilities
- Special Medical Services
- Moore Center for the College of Direct Support

Activities
- Chose direct support training modules appropriate to respite care providers, modifying them to meet project needs
- Developed training modules for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed and the Traumatic Brain Injured Population
- Developed a marketing campaign to recruit and train providers
- Designing and implementing a coordinated registry providing access to fully trained respite care providers
- Instituting a pilot for the LRC targeting a specific population with SED
- Work plan and evaluation for sustainability of the LRC is overseen by the Advisory Planning Group
- Designing organizational framework for NH Lifespan Respite Care Coalition

Role of Coalition
- Needs Assessment: Stakeholders will identify needs of individual populations. Collate and categorize for lifespan approach.
- Statewide Planning: Assist in formal launch of NH statewide Lifespan Respite Care Coalition.
- Competency Based Training: Ongoing review and development of training modules.
- Provider Locator: Operationalize locator on web-based server available to all Coalition participants
- Pilot: Review lessons learned and make final recommendation for Sustainability to stakeholders and state agencies
- Marketing: Engage participants and stakeholders in Public Awareness Campaign
- Sustainability: Creating and maintaining diverse shareholder participation for ongoing management of NH LRC Coalition