

Lifespan Respite Grantee and Partner Learning Collaborative on State Lifespan Roles for Implementing the National Strategy's Respite Recommendations Meeting Notes

March 16, 2023

2:00-3:30 pm EST

[Meeting Recording](#)

- **Welcome and Overview of Agenda - Meghan Kluth**

- **Upcoming Lifespan Respite Care Program Funding Announcement - Jill Kagan**
 - Lifespan Respite Care Program: Grants to New States and States Re-Establishing Their Core Respite Infrastructures
 - Link to NOFO: <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?dpp=1&oppPkgId=280527>

 - Lifespan Respite Care Program: State Program Enhancement Grants
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 - Deadline for Applications: May 15, 2023
 - Deadline for Letters of Intent: March 27, 2023
 - **Questions? Contact Emily Anozie at ACL at Emily.Anozie@acl.hhs.gov**

 - References to National Strategy:
 - Cultural and Linguistic Competence
 - Direct Care Workforce Crisis

 - Use Strategy as a Roadmap - Review ARCH's *The Roles of Respite in the National Strategy* <https://archrespite.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Policy-to-Practice-Brief-2.pdf>

 - Example: Under Outcome 3.2. Family caregivers can obtain respite services that meet their unique needs.

 - **National Center to Strengthen the Direct Care Workforce - <https://acl.gov/programs/direct-care-workforce>**

 - First Principles: Cross Cutting Considerations for Family Caregiver Support
 - Place the Family and Person at the Center of All Interactions
 - Address Trauma and Its Impact on Families
 - Advance Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion for Family Caregivers in Underserved Communities
 - Elevate Direct Care Workers as Family Caregiving Partners
 - Link:

https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/RAISE_SGRG/NatlStrategyFamCaregivers_FirstPrinciples.pdf

- Mobile Day Program Follow Up: Jill also provided follow up information about mobile adult day services following our February meeting.
 - The PACE program funded some mobile adult day programs during COVID.
 - Jill reached out to the PACE Association and National Adult Day Service Models to see if these models are still being utilized and how they are being sustained. If anyone is interested in learning more, please let Jill know.

- **Group Discussion: Reflections on February Meeting**
 - We briefly debriefed the February meeting, including asking the group to share any questions, comments, or concerns.

 - Group poll: Please select the word that most fits with how you felt reviewing the National Strategy respite recommendations.
 - Excited (highest response)
 - Overwhelmed (second highest response)
 - Neutral
 - Other

 - Group poll: On a scale of 1-10, how do you feel about how your respite grant activities align with the respite recommendations in National Strategy?
 - 1-3 (not sure or do not see much alignment)
 - 4-7 (some alignment)
 - 8-10 (significant alignment)
 - 7 and 8 were highest responses.

 - Group discussion: Several grantees shared how their team/state is evaluating how their work aligns with the National Strategy. Updates include:
 - Several states talked about efforts to reduce silos among partners due to different populations, funding streams, etc. across the lifespan. While some shared progress, this was recognized by many as an ongoing challenge.
 - AZ:
 - Utilizing grant funds to work with caregivers on advocacy issues

- Starting work on a state strategic plan on caregiving issues and engaging representatives from multiple populations across the lifespan
 - MA:
 - Utilizing ARPA funds for competitive respite innovation grants (higher funding amount due to funding source than previously available)
 - NY:
 - Student did a crosswalk with National Strategy and state respite activities to see alignment.
 - The timing has been good with several state level caregiving and respite planning efforts and the crosswalk has helped show strategies being implemented through lifespan respite work.
 - WI:
 - Working on a shared definition for underserved populations and a way to track who is being served within this group and how.
 - If any state has templates, resources, etc. they are willing to share with other grantees about their work please email Jill Kagan or Meghan Kluth for distribution. Thank you!
- **Review and Discussion of Activities: Matrix: State Lifespan Respite Grant Activities Aligned with National Strategy Goals and Outcomes - Working Document**
 - We walked through the draft matrix to review the goals and outcomes related to respite care within the National Strategy. Grantee activities that align with these outcomes are listed within the matrix. Please note that this matrix is not intended to be fully comprehensive of all grantee activities. We will continue to update and reference this document throughout our collaborative meetings.
 - An updated draft of the matrix is attached to the meeting notes and includes edits and additions shared during the discussion.
 - If you would like to recommend other changes please email meghanbkluth@gmail.com.
 - Group Poll: Please select the top two goals you are most interested in focusing on in this learning collaborative.
 - Goal 1: Increase awareness of and outreach to family caregivers
 - Goal 2: Advance partnerships and engagement with family caregivers
 - Goal 3: Strengthen services and supports for family caregivers (highest response)

- Goal 4: Ensure financial and workplace security for family caregivers
- Goal 5: Expand data, research, and evidence-based practices to support family caregivers (second highest response)

- **Wrap Up and Next Steps**

- Next meeting: April 20, 2023 from 2:00-3:30 pm (invite coming soon)
- Please continue to add discussion topics and presentation ideas to the [Jamboard](#).

- **Contact Information**

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