

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

April 20, 2023

2:00-3:30 pm EST

[Meeting Recording](#)

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

- **White House Executive Actions - Jill Kagan**
 - Jill provided an overview of several executive actions on improving the direct care workforce and support family caregivers put forth by the Biden-Harris Administration on April 18
 - More than 50 executive actions across multiple agencies to:
 - Increase compensation and improve job quality for family caregivers and care workers
 - Make care more accessible and affordable for families
 - Expand options for families by building the supply of care
 - Links:
 - FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Most Sweeping Set of Executive Actions to Improve Care in History
www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/04/18/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-most-sweeping-set-of-executive-actions-to-improve-care-in-history/
 - Executive Order on Increasing Access to High-Quality Care and Supporting Caregivers
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/04/18/executive-order-on-increasing-access-to-high-quality-care-and-supporting-caregivers/>

- **Review of Respite Action Guide & Discussion - Kimberly Hodges, National Academy for State Health Policy**
 - Thank you to Kimberly Hodges for providing an update and overview of the draft Respite Action Guide she and her team have been developing. The Respite Action Guide is intended to be a roadmap for states to implement respite actions within the National Strategy. It is organized to align with the five goals of the National Strategy, with examples of what states (including many lifespan respite grantees) are already doing.
 - The draft guide was sent out prior to the meeting for attendees to share any feedback.

- If you have not already, please review the draft guide by May 1 and send any feedback to khodges@nashp.org and cc [ARCH](#).
- **Approaches to State Policymaking and Diversified Funding**
 - We had fantastic presentations from four partners about their approach to state and local policymaking and funding for respite and caregiving efforts.
 - Presenter Information:
 - Siena Ruggeri, Community Catalyst
 - Reflections from the Changing the Care Conversation Project
 - <https://communitycatalyst.org/posts/building-the-next-generation-of-family-caregiver-leaders/>
 - sruggeri@communitycatalyst.org
 - Lisa Schneider, Respite Care Association of Wisconsin
 - Overview of how Respite Care of Wisconsin has built relationships, secured funding and developed structures for state level respite policy.
 - lschneider@respitewi.org
 - Tracy Cieniewicz, Alabama Lifespan Respite
 - Overview of Alabama's state funding for respite and how Alabama Lifespan Respite became the lead state entity for lifespan respite coordination.
 - tracyc@ucphuntsville.org
 - Doris Green, New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition
 - Overview of how New York has diversified its respite funding streams through partnerships with a local university, foundations, and AmeriCorps as well as state and federal sources.
 - dgreen@lifespan-roch.org
 - These presentations provided an excellent overview of the many different methods for exploring policy and funding opportunities at state and local levels.
 - Key themes from the presentation and group discussion included:
 - The importance of building relationships and identifying key champions

- The power of personal storytelling (several grantees talked about local trainings with families on how to share their story effectively)
 - How small amounts of funding or the right person saying “yes” to a request can ultimately lead to bigger, long-term change
 - Both qualitative and quantitative data are impactful - you need the numbers and metrics to show the impact as well as the personal stories
 - Keep information simple, digestible and available for policymakers and funders
 - Addressing silos is an ongoing challenge - how can you collaborate and show the impact and need across the lifespan and caregiving spectrum?
- More information about these and other states’ respite legislation and resources for your use are available online:
 - State Lifespan Respite Legislation: <https://archrespite.org/ta-center-for-respite/state-lifespan-respite-tools-examples-by-category/#StateToolsAccordion-19>
 - ARCH State Advocacy Tools: <https://archrespite.org/ta-center-for-respite/state-lifespan-respite-tools-examples-by-category/#StateToolsAccordion-1>
 - A Practical Resource Guide for Direct Care Workforce State Advocacy: <https://www.phinational.org/resource/a-practical-resource-guide-for-direct-care-workforce-state-advocacy/>
 - Idaho Caregiver Alliance at a Glance document: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zAOJWyz5hmaKSBxQF1rLVyt71Wiysk_k/view
- Thank you to our presenters!
- **Q&A and Next Steps**
 - We will NOT meet in May due Memorial Day and grant writing deadlines.
 - Next meeting: June 15, 2023 from 2:00-3:30 pm (invite coming soon)
 - Please continue to add discussion topics and presentation ideas to the [Jamboard](#).
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