



Respite Voucher Learning Collaborative Discussion Guide January 18, 2024

Instructions: These questions will be considered with the larger group. To encourage discussion, please think about your responses in advance in order to share your own lessons learned with the group.

Discussion Questions: *(Please introduce yourself to the group.)*

1. **Successes in “Stretching your Respite Voucher Funding.”** What have you done to stretch your existing funding to serve more family caregivers in your voucher program? (e.g., cost-sharing, limited eligibility, reduced the voucher amount or the time available to use the vouchers, rolling over unused funds to serve others) .

How successful were these efforts?

2. **Roadmap to Implementation:** What specific steps did you take to implement your successful approach?
3. **Considering the Pros and Cons.** What were the pros and cons of your effort(s)? Describe your decision-making process and how the pros and cons weighed into the decision to implement an approach? Did you consider a strategy to stretch your respite dollars, but decided the cons outweighed the pros?
4. **Barriers.** What barriers did you run into when attempting to implement an action to stretch your current funding to serve more caregivers?
5. **New Untried Ideas.** What creative ideas do you have to stretch voucher dollars to serve more caregivers, but haven't tried yet? Why haven't you tried them?

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