

# Illinois Respite Coalition

## ILRespite Task Force Efforts

### Goal 1

Created a statewide respite informational flier to connect caregivers to State agencies for their respite and/or caregiver needs (DDD, IDoA, DCFS, VA, IFCC, Alzheimer's, etc.).

### Goal 3

Recently redirected to further promote and enhance RCPT and reissuing of statewide caregiver survey.

### Goal 5

Recently had Dr. Kim Whitmore (WI) present to the group about research best practices, and how to best collect information. A goal 5 member, Christine Escobar, Clinical Professor through U of I-Champaign School of Social Work, has also arranged a student intern to help facilitate statewide data collection from agencies

- All workgroups meet once a month, and the whole group meets once a quarter
  - Task Force and workgroups are composed of state agencies, providers, and family caregivers from across the state



# Illinois Respite Taskforce Flyer

**WE ARE WITH YOU ON YOUR PATH TO RESPITE: A BREAK FOR YOU**

Physical Disabilities Alzheimer's Chronic Illness Neurological

**Get connected through the Illinois Respite Coalition**  
No matter your age or disability, you can get started on your path to receiving a break, respite, at no cost to you. Find out more by calling the Illinois Respite Coalition (IRC) toll free number at 866-ILL-RESP or 866-455-7377 ext. 101.

Your call is a step toward getting a break that works for your specific needs. Or, you can reach out by visiting the IRC website and completing the contact form.

The IRC helps caregivers of any age across Illinois by connecting you to opportunities in your area. Call us to find out more.

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Support is available through partnerships with:

**866-ILL-RESP**  
**866-455-7377 EXT. 101**  
**EXT. 103 FOR SPANISH**

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES UPON REQUEST

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This is available online and can be printed. The IL Respite Task Force began January 2025 sharing this new flyer statewide to increase knowledge and access to respite support.. This flyer contains active links to other state agencies and a QR code to access the information in a variety of ways. This flyer is in process of being translated into Spanish, Polish and Chinese/Mandarin. The QR code also allow us to collect data.



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## Emergency Respite Care (ERC)

So far for the FY 25 fiscal year, (July 1, 2024-Jan 1,2025) the ERC program has served and funded an unduplicated 232 caregivers. Outside of the families who received emergency voucher funding, the IRC provided information and other referral services to hundreds more caregivers, social workers, and others looking to learn more about respite care. Simply stating the number of families awarded emergency voucher funding inaccurately reflects the actual time dedicated to each caller/family to connect them with longer-term support.

Through the IRC's efforts, (this includes many of our volunteer board members), in outreach – both in person and online – the Emergency Respite Care Program continues to grow.

