

Lifespan Respite Care Program

Project Summary

Grantee Organization: Hawaii Executive Office on Aging

State: Hawaii

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Project Overview:

The Hawaii Executive Office on Aging which operates the Hawaii Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in partnership with Project Dana, the statewide respite organization and other key stakeholders will implement the Lifespan Respite Care Program in the state. The **goal** of the project is to ensure that Hawaii's family caregivers will maintain their health and employment while providing care in the home to care recipients of all ages and disabilities.

The following **objectives** will be achieved: (1) Hire a Program Manager; (2) inventory respite needs and resources as a base for planning and evaluation; (3) convene stakeholders across age and disability spectrum to advise the program; (4) collect and analyze respite care utilization data; (5) develop quality standards for person-centered respite care; (6) establish training protocols and provide quality standards, training materials, and TA to respite providers; (7) create a voluntary registry of trained respite workers and providers; (8) increase the pool of available respite providers and funding; and (9) strengthen ADRC respite capacity

Outcomes and Products:

The project's anticipated **outcome** is that, by the end of the project, family caregivers seeking respite will readily access services, as evidenced by timely referring and linking to available, registered, quality respite resources within three days of contacting the Hawaii ADRC.

Products will include a statewide Respite Coalition across all ages and disabilities, quality standards, training protocols, a registry of workers and providers who meet the standards, and an online searchable respite database.