

# Lifespan Respite Care Program

## Project Summary

**Grantee Organization:** Pennsylvania Department of Aging

**State:** Pennsylvania

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### Project Overview:

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging in partnership with the Pennsylvania Lifespan Respite Coalition, the Pennsylvania Departments of Public Welfare and Health, Pennsylvania's network of Aging and Disability Resource Centers and key community based organizations will establish a statewide lifespan respite system. The **goal** of the project is to improve the coordination of and access to respite services across all ages and disabilities in the state.

The following **objectives** will be addressed: 1) establish a statewide Lifespan Respite Care Advisory Council to lead, support and monitor the development of a lifespan respite care system for Pennsylvania; 2) improve coordination among state and local agencies and organizations that provide and/or fund respite services and those that provide information and referral to families; and 3) increase awareness of lifespan respite needs and services among caregivers and providers.

### Outcomes and Products:

Expected project **outcomes** are 1) improved statewide systems of coordination of respite services; 2) improved access to respite services for caregivers; and 3) increased awareness of respite needs and use of respite services.

**Products** will include a comprehensive and culturally effective website for lifespan respite resources, including training resources and opportunities; a written action plan created by the Advisory Council that presents recommendations for efforts to sustain the created lifespan respite care system; and a report of evaluation results.