

Lifespan Respite Care Program

Project Summary

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State: Wisconsin

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Project Overview:

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Division of Long Term Care, in collaboration with the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW), Easter Seals Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Quality Home Care Commission (WQHCC) will implement the Lifespan Respite Care Program. The **goal** of the project is to expand the availability and accessibility of respite services in Wisconsin.

The following **objectives** will be achieved: 1) modify the Easter Seals Wisconsin *Caring Network* curriculum as a base-level, respite care provider training for people with special needs across the lifespan, including those with challenging behaviors; 2) deliver revised *Caring Network* curriculum in 6 different regions of the state; 3) deliver half-day workshops in 6 different regions for respite providers to learn best practices of caring for different special needs populations; 4) develop a public awareness campaign for RCAF about the need for respite providers; 5) implement the public awareness campaign; 6) expand WQHCC's Care Registry referral database and matching services to include trained respite care workers; and 7) communicate respite provider trainings and expanded Care Registry to long-term care stakeholders.

Outcomes and Products:

The following **outcomes** are anticipated: 1) trained respite providers will demonstrate knowledgeable skills to provide care for people with special needs across the lifespan, including those with challenging behaviors; and 2) families and caregivers will have more direct access to respite services in their communities.

The following **products** will be created during the project: a provider training curriculum; a statewide home and respite care worker registry and matching service; a statewide public awareness campaign; and public awareness collateral materials, including print, web-based, video and a training curriculum.