Exemplar Lifespan Respite States: An Experiment in Sustainability Planning

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Family Caregiving in the US

- Four in ten adults in the U.S. are caring for an adult or child with significant health issues, up from 30% in 2010.

Source: PEW Research Center, June 20, 2013
Majority of family caregivers caring for someone under age 75 (56%).

- 28% of family caregivers care for someone age 50-75.
- 28% care for someone under age 50, including children.

Respite is...

*Planned or emergency care provided to a child or adult with special needs in order to provide temporary relief to family caregivers who are caring for that child or adult.*

Lifespan Respite Care Act definition
PL 109-442
Benefits of Respite

- Improves family caregiver stress levels, which can affect physical and emotional health;
- Improves overall family well-being, family relationships and stability;
- Reduces hospital costs and helps avoid or delay more costly foster care, nursing home or other out-of-home placements.
89% of family caregivers do not receive respite.

Of those who do, they receive too little, often too late.

Respite needs to be meaningful for caregivers, as well as care receiver.
Respite Barriers

- Affordability
- Too few trained providers or respite options
- Reluctance to identify as caregiver or ask for help
- Multiple Funding Streams
- Confusing and Restrictive Eligibility Criteria
Lifespan Respite …not just care or a service, but…..

*Lifespan Respite Definition:*

- Coordinated **SYSTEMS** of accessible, community-based respite services for all family caregivers regardless of age or special need.
Characteristics of Lifespan Respite Programs

- Identify and coordinate existing respite resources/funding at state level
- Maximize use of existing resources/leverage new ones
- Identify service gaps to help create and monitor new respite services
- Connect families to respite services, providers, and payment resources
- Recruit and train respite providers
- Promote public awareness about respite
Federal Lifespan Respite Program
Federal Lifespan Respite Care Program

US Administration for Community Living, Administration on Aging administers competitive state grants for mandatory uses of funds:

- Development or enhancement of State and local Lifespan Respite systems
- Planned or emergency respite for all ages
- Training and recruitment of providers/volunteers
- Provision of information to caregivers about respite services, and assistance in gaining access
Lifespan Respite Built on Collaboration
Lessons Learned

- It takes time....
- Build on model approaches
- Partnerships are essential
- Flexibility is key
- Performance measurement from day one
- Sustainability focus is critical from the outset
Exemplar States for Sustainability

- Partnership with The Finance Project
- Eight States Selected (AL, IA, LA, MA, NE, NH, PA, VA)
- Sustainability Toolkit
- Individualized Technical Assistance
Emerging Themes in Sustainability

- Engage grassroots/community
- Embed grant activities into ongoing state efforts
- Forge state agency fiscal partnerships
- Grow and support State Respite Coalition to focus on sustainability
- Plan long-term
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Lifespan Respite
Technical Assistance Center

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Partnerships

- Colorado Respite Coalition
  - Over 120 Organizations
- Chronic Care Collaborative
  - 28 Organizations
- Easter Seals Colorado
- Colorado State Unit on Aging
162,000 children in CO age 1-6 with a disability
843,000 caregivers in Colorado
Over 220 organizations serving special needs populations
Colorado Respite Care Coalition
1.2 million Coloradans with a chronic illness
820,000 Coloradans over 65
16 Area Agency on Aging offices
29 chronic disease organizations
Easter Seals Colorado
State Unit on Aging
Impact to Date

- Website Launched in 2012
  - www.coloradorespitecoalition.org
  - Financial Assistance
  - Training Resources
  - Respite Locator
    - On-Line Database
    - 450 Providers
  - Provider Registration
  - Project Announcements
Impact to Date

• Expanded Training
  ◦ Trainings – 3,100+ trained, statewide (urban and rural), covering lifespan care for all disabilities
  ◦ Local University Partnership for College Credit to Students Working in Field
  ◦ Participants
    • Caregivers
    • Professional Providers
    • Community Members
    • Volunteers Students
Impact to Date

Advocacy

- In 2012, HB12-1226 Passed Imposing Surcharge on those Convicted of Committing Crimes Against At-Risk Populations
- State General Funds Allocated to Support Respite
  - $150,000 in 2013
  - $250,000 in 2014
Impact to Date

- State General Funds and Federal Grant Funds
  - Reduced Service Gaps
  - 28 Grants ($1,000 to $27,000)
  - Total $146,950
  - Statewide
  - Lifespan Care
  - Range of Disabilities

- Outreach and Education
  - District Attorneys
  - Judges
  - AAAs
  - ADRCs
  - Providers
  - Caregivers
Impact to Date

- Hosted Three Summits in 2013
  - Attendees Respite Stakeholders
  - Identified Gaps in Respite Resources
  - Result: Formation of Three Regional Respite Coalitions
    - Northern Colorado Respite Coalition
    - Southern Colorado Respite Coalition
    - Western Slope Respite Coalition
Print Media, Radio, TV and

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Increase Awareness
- Share Respite News
- Connect Families and Agencies
Resource

1-844-COL-ADRC

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QUESTIONS
Arizona Lifespan Respite Care Program

“A Seven Year Path to Sustainability”

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Arizona Lifespan Respite Care Program

- Arizona Legislature passes statute authorizing program in 2007
- Designed after the federal law
- Appropriated $500,000 for services and an FTE to administer development of the program
Federal Lifespan Respite Care Program

In 2009 the US Administration on Aging administers competitive state grants for these mandatory uses of the funds:

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Arizona Lifespan Respite Care Program

- Arizona funded in first round (2009)

- Key Deliverables of grant:
  - Development of Caregiver Assessment Tool
  - Public Awareness Campaign
  - Statewide Resource Line for Caregivers
Arizona Lifespan Respite Care Program

- Caregiver Assessment Tool
  - Collaborative Development Process
  - Based on existing assessment of C/R
  - Implemented and now required when authorizing respite within Aging Network
Arizona Lifespan Respite Care Program

- Public Awareness Campaign
  - Educate public about scope
  - Encourage self-identification of family caregivers
  - Inspire support from individuals and legislators alike
  - Launched campaign as part of national event
Arizona Lifespan Respite Care Program

- Volunteer based Hotline
- Answered live during business hours
- After hours calls recorded and returned in 1-2 days (3 referrals)
- Staff trained and coordinated by grant funded worker (will be ACC staff)
- Partnership between State Unit on Aging and the Arizona Caregiver Coalition
Arizona Lifespan Respite Care Program

- Caregiver Resource Line

  - Currently averages 10 - 15 calls a day
  - Serves as the “caregiver specific” component of AZ Links
  - Total of 12 volunteers currently trained as “Caregiver Advocates”
Arizona Lifespan Respite Care Program

• Integration & Sustainability Grant Awarded in August, 2012
  • 26 month project period, after no-cost extension to 9/30/2014

• Key Deliverables
  • Arizona Respite Vouchers
  • Online Arizona Respite Locator
  • Adapt and expand use of CAT
  • Continue partnership with AZ Links
Arizona Lifespan Respite Program Integration and Sustainability

- Arizona Respite Voucher
  - Pilot process started in late 2013
  - CRL taking intake calls, pre-screens, and conducting CAT interviews
  - Vouchers issued quarterly for up to $300, max total for year is $1,200
  - AAAs issue the reimbursement checks
  - Ongoing program to start 10/1/14
  - Various funding streams utilized
Arizona Lifespan Respite Program Integration and Sustainability

- Arizona Respite Locator
  - Partnership with Rewarding Work
    - www.rewardingwork.org
  - Website went live in Nov. 2013
  - www.arizonarespitelocator.org
  - Adding new portal for DDD clients
  - Sustainability support from AAAs and DD Planning Council
What is the future of Arizona’s Lifespan Respite Program?

Now a 501 (c) 3
Questions?
For More Information

- Arizona Caregiver Coalition
  www.AZCaregiver.org
  www.ArizonanRespiteLocator.org

- ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center (Technical Support agency for LRP)
  www.archrespite.org