

**Sustainability,
Growth and
Succession**

**LIFESPAN RESPITE GRANT
OFFICE ON AGING
HELENA, MT**

Mission Statement – The mission of the Lifespan Respite State Level Coalition is to establish a statement coordinated system of easily accessible, quality and affordable respite care services for Montana’s family caregivers or individuals regardless of special needs.

Vision Statement – The vision of the Montana Respite Coalition is that all family caregivers have access to quality, community-based respite care that is affordable and flexible to their needs.

Strategy and Tactics:

- I. Identify potential funding options for the Montana Lifespan Respite Program
 - A. State Legislation and legislative initiatives
 1. Identify specific legislators who have influence and interest in lifespan respite services.
 2. Identify hard objective data that supports evidence-based need for respite and a coalition.
 3. Identify a budget to submit for appropriations.
 - B. Identify federal grant opportunities
 1. Apply through ARCH for any supplemental Lifespan Respite funding.
 2. Coordinate and/or include Lifespan respite services as part of the Money Follows the Person grant opportunities.
 - C. Explore funding opportunities through national and state foundations.
 1. National Foundations:
 - a. Brookdale Foundation (Relatives as Parents Program)
 - b. Robert Wood Foundation
 - c. Others
 2. Statewide Foundations:
 - a. Montana Healthcare Foundation
 - b. Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation
 - c. Sample Foundation

- d. Children's Trust Fund
- e. Others

II. Maintain a healthy Lifespan Respite Coalition

- A. Keep the Lifespan Respite Strategic Plan active for coalition members.
- B. Maintain on-going membership recruitment.
- C. Maintain regular information-sharing with Coalition members unable to attend or actively participate in coalition meetings.
- D. Recruit for-profit providers to participate in the Coalition.

III. Coordination with Aging Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to provide Options Counseling and prepare sites to address respite needs.

- A. Incorporate a care-giver screening tool as part of Options Counseling.
- B. Collect, utilize and analyze ADRC data related to respite needs.
- C. Incorporate Lifespan Respite training information/resources into new ADRC staff curriculum.

Question to the group in order to incorporate additional sustainability, growth and succession strategies.

- 1) Identify training other organizations/groups that we will share our LSR training materials (i.e. 2-1-1; College of Direct Supports, Family Support Specialists, ILC staff; RPOs; CPO's; etc.)
- 2) How do we collect data related to respite from the other agencies/age groups?
- 3) Identify additional strategies to add?