

Lifespan Respite Care Program

Project Summary

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State: New York

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Project Overview:

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) supports this initiative in collaboration with the Statewide Caregiving and Respite coalition of New York (SCRCNY) and New York State's ADRC (NY Connects) to form a NY Lifespan Respite Program Core Team to meet the following **goal**: expand and strengthen SCRCNY to build a caregiver support services network and develop a statewide coordinated system, increasing access to respite services for families across age/disability spectrums, including access to emergency respite services.

Project **objectives** include: 1) develop a coordinated system of accessible, community-based respite services for people of all ages/across all needs; 2) conduct a statewide inventory of respite services and include in the statewide NY Connects database; 3) identify and facilitate development of respite services for underserved populations; 4) identify current programs that train informal caregivers and provide a methodology to link caregivers to programs; 5) determine good practices and establish linkages to recruitment and training of volunteers; 6) raise public awareness about caregiving and value of respite; and 7) develop a strategic approach to ensure sustainability.

Outcomes and Products:

The following **outcome** is anticipated: New York will implement a lifespan respite program that build and strengthens SCRCNY and coordinates existing respite services across all sectors.

Anticipated **products** include: a respite data base; a web-based good practices inventory, caregiver, volunteer and professional training materials; media materials; a final report, including program evaluation results; and abstracts for state and national conferences.