Nebraska Lifespan Respite Services Program created by legislation in 1999:

- **Nebraska Respite Network** (provides funding to develop and encourage statewide coordination of respite services and community lifespan respite services programs)
- **Nebraska Respite Coalition** (advocacy)

In 2002 statute passed to fund:

- **Lifespan Respite Subsidy Program** (provides funding for caregivers to purchase respite services)
» State Funds: Tobacco Settlement Funds
  > Separate funds for Respite Network and Lifespan Respite Subsidy Program
» AoA grant ended August 2013
» Department of Education, IDEA Part C grant
» Medicaid Waivers
» Social Services Block Grant (Title XX)
» Title III of Older Americans Act (Family Caregiver Support)
» Maternal and Child Health (Title V)
» Foster Care/Child Protective Services
» Adult Protective Services (Title XX)
» Subsidized Adoption
» Medicaid through Personal Assistance Services, Skilled Nursing Care Services and temporary Nursing Home Care

Federal Funding Streams for Client Respite
Population

1,855,525 and counting

6 Respite Regions
Contracts with community organizations in each of the six Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Service Areas (multiple county areas) and University of NE – Lincoln (Answers4Families)

Network Coordinators have no administrative role with Lifespan Respite Subsidy Program (separate funding) but do assist with Program referrals and caregiver support
» Support and enhance existing infrastructure among state and local governments, partnerships, community programs, advocates and caregivers/care recipients

» Provide information and referral regarding respite resources through a statewide system

» Expand and streamline the delivery of planned and crisis respite services

» Provide recruitment and training of respite providers and caregivers

» Provide policy and program development support, data collection and outcome measures (eLifespan Respite)

Nebraska Respite Network
» For individuals of all ages not eligible for respite through any other program
» Crisis Respite piloted by Respite Network with AoA grant funds and is now incorporated into the Lifespan Respite Subsidy Program
» Reside in the State of Nebraska
» Reside in a non-institutional setting
» Have a special need requiring continuous, ongoing care

Lifespan Respite Subsidy Eligibility
» Meet the financial criteria: (Not have resources to meet needs (high limits) and income, after disability related expenses are deducted, must not exceed 312% of Federal Poverty Levels)

» The caregiver must reside with the care recipient

» The caregiver must not be a paid provider

» Changes must be reported

» Services must be prior authorized

Lifespan Respite Subsidy Eligibility
» The Nebraska Respite Network recruits providers

» Respite Coordinator responsible for Initial & Annual checks (Network providers only):
  > DHHS Adult Protective Services Central Registry
  > DHHS Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry
  > Nebraska Sex Offender website
  > Criminal History

» Family caregivers are referred to providers that closely match the care recipient and caregiver’s needs

» Public Providers posted on Nebraska Resource and Referral System (NRRS)
» Selected and employed by the client/family
  > Contacts provider, interviews them and makes hiring decisions
  > Negotiates rates and schedules hours
  > Most families identify their own provider without assistance

» Not employees of DHHS or enrolled as contract providers

» Training resources available

Providers
» An online information and referral system
» Secure online data and workspace system
» Designed to facilitate statewide access to coordinated respite services.
» Provides compatibility with other statewide information and referral systems and has the ability to capture real time contacts to the Respite Network.
» Additional features
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