Colorado Respite Care Project

National Lifespan Respite Conference
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Partnerships

- Easter Seals Colorado
- Colorado Respite Coalition
  - Over 120 Organizations
- Chronic Care Collaborative
  - 28 Organizations
- Colorado State Unit on Aging
Impact to Date

- Website Launched in 2012
  - [www.coloradorespitecoalition.org](http://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
Impact to Date

Advocacy

- In 2012, HB12-1226 Passed Imposing Surcharge on those Convicted of Committing Crimes Against At-Risk Populations CRS 18-6.5-107
- State General Funds Allocated to Support Respite
  - $150,000 in 2013 for SFY2014
  - $250,000 in 2014 for SFY2015
Impact to Date

- State General Funds, Federal Grant Funds and CRS18-6.5-107
  - Reduced Service Gaps
  - 28 Grants
    - ($1,000 to $27,000)
  - Total $146,950
- Statewide
- Lifespan Care
- Range of Disabilities
Impact to Date

- 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
2014 Lifespan Respite Integration Grant Awardee

- Develop and Share University Training Concept and Toolkit
- Develop and Implement Employer Engagement Training
- New Trainings Coming Up For Air and Bringing Down Barriers
- Develop and Implement Voucher Program for Emergency Respite
- Increase Social Media and Partnerships