

# “Traveling the Long and Winding Road ...”



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RESPITE PROJECT**  
*Training Responsive Providers*



# The Respite Project – TRP

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*Family/Community/Education*  
**COLLABORATION**

- **Internship Project** Matching College Students with Families Needing Respite Services
- Families Receive **FREE** Respite during semester and Student Earns Course Credit
- **Workforce Development** for sponsoring Community Agency



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# TRP – A Brief History

- Began in 2007 as CMRP
- Several short term grants
- Periods without funding
- Continual efforts to publicize project
- TRP replication written into statewide grant
- TRP funded by state DDS agency



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# LESSONS LEARNED

“Do You Want to Know a  
Secret?”



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# LESSON 1

## Long Term Commitment

“Eight Days A Week”



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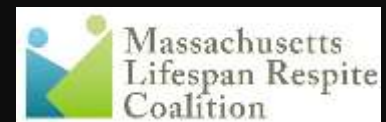
# LESSON 2

## Networking

“Hello Goodbye”



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# LESSON 3

## Continuous Improvement

“We Can Work It Out”



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# LESSON 4

Keeping Concept in Focus

“Get Back”



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# LESSON 5

## Guarantee Success

“I Wanna Hold Your Hand”



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# LESSON 6

Delegate and Share

“Let It Be”



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# LESSON 7

## Modify and Adapt

## “Revolution”



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# LESSON 8

## Think Like a CFO

“All You Need Is Love”



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# LESSON 9

Propose a Specific Budget

“Money”



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# LESSON 10

## Find A Champion

“Got To Get You Into My Life”



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# TRP – Sustainability on a Budget

## FREE STUFF !!!!

- Survey Monkey
- Free Conference Call
- Eventbrite
- Lotsa Helping Hands
- Doodle
- Meeting Burner
- Meeting Space
- Credit Card Points
- Copying
- Virtual Office

## Not FREE but CHEAP !!

- Skype



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# TRP – Where Do We Go From Here?

- Continued Funding in Current MLRC grant for next 2 years
- Continued Funding from MA DDS for current year and beyond
- Additional funding from other MA state agencies – DMH, EOEA, DPH, DCF
- Development of TRP division within existing non-profit agency
- Copyright of TRP materials



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... “With a Little Help from My  
Friends”

QUESTIONS?  
THANK YOU !!



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