Elevate Respite
Best Practices at Mile Point Seven

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Overview

- The Administration for Community Living (ACL)
- ACL and the Lifespan Respite Program
- Program status – The View from Mile Point Seven
The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is an operating division within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services which brought together:
- Administration on Aging (AoA)
- Administration on Disability (AoD)
- Center for Integrated Programs (CIP)
- National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)

ACL is charged with developing policies and improving supports for seniors and persons with disabilities of all ages.
About ACL

HHS established ACL to achieve several important objectives:

- Reduce the fragmentation that currently exists in federal programs addressing the community living service and support needs of older adults and persons with disabilities
- Enhance access to quality health care and long-term services and supports for all individuals
- Promote consistency in community living policy across other areas of the federal government
- Complement the community infrastructure, as supported by Medicaid and other federal programs, in order to better respond to the full spectrum of needs among these populations
Federal Lifespan Respite Care Program

ACL/CIP administers competitive state grants for mandatory uses of the funds:

- Development or enhancement of State and local Lifespan Respite systems
- Planned or emergency respite for all ages
- Training and recruitment of providers/volunteers
- Provision of information to caregivers about respite services, and assistance in gaining access
Lifespan Respite Program Status

• 35 states and DC funded since 2009
  – Up to $200,000 for initial three year projects

• FY 2009 (Twelve States), FY2010 (Twelve States), FY2011 (Six States)

• FY 2012 & 2013—One New State/Integration and Sustainability Grants
  – Up to $250,000 each/18-month projects
  – Builds on the initial three-year grant
  – Focus on integrating respite/caregiver supports and sustainable approaches

• FY 2014 – One New State/16 Building Long-Term Sustainability (three-year projects)
• FY 2015 – One New State
• FY 2016 – Two New States/6 State Expansion Supplements
• Technical Assistance Resource Center (FY2009, 2012 & 2016)
Lifespan Respite States (as of 2016)

- **2009**: 12 New States
- **2010**: 12 New States
- **2011**: 6 New States
- **2012**: 1 New State
- **2013**: 1 New State
- **2014**: 1 New State
- **2015**: 1 New State
- **2016**: 2 New States

- **2012 & 2013 Integration & Sustainability**
- **2014 Long-Term Sustainability**
- **2016 Expansion Supplement**
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