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Introduction

Family caregivers are an integral part of the long-term service and support systems and are vital to supporting older adults and people with disabilities remain in their homes and communities for as long as they wish. Supporting family caregivers in this role through identification, training, and support is critical to helping family caregivers maintain their own health and well-being.

The Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) has been working to build a system of respite support for family caregivers since 2009. These efforts have resulted in training, expanded services, and pilot programs testing different models of respite. Throughout this time, it has become evident that the one gap that continues to be a challenge is data specific to the caregivers themselves. Caregivers are often recognized as part of an individual's support system, however data regarding the types of care, the number of care recipients, the burden of care, or the need of the caregiver is not collected. In the rare instances where caregiver data is collected (such as through Nevada Care Connection Resource Centers), there is not a data system available to easily extract and analyze the data.

Often, respite is seen as a service for the care recipient, rather than a service for the caregiver. There is a need for a shift in perspective to recognize that often there can be two individuals that need support – the care recipient and the family caregiver.

In the 2023 Legislative Session, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 100 (AB100) requiring ADSD to research and pilot an evidence-based caregiver assessment that measures five core areas:

- (1) The willingness and ability of family caregivers to provide long-term services and supports to a person with a disability or health condition.
- (2) The extent, quality, value, and effect of social determinants of health, specific risk factors related to stress and depression, as well as environmental and cultural barriers on family caregivers.
- (3) The efficacy of referrals linking family caregivers to local community resources.
- (4) Capacity of each family caregiver to provide all necessary care, including activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.
- (5) Identify the knowledge and needs of family caregivers to undertake caregiving tasks

This legislation is in line with recommendations from the National Family Caregiver Strategy developed by the Family Caregiving Advisory Council established through the RAISE (Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage) Family Caregivers Act in 2018.

Pilot Program Status

In January 2025, ADSD was able to execute an interlocal contract with the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (UNR-NCED) to provide project management support for federal Lifespan Respite projects. One of the activities within the approved scope of work is to facilitate a workgroup to improve data collection, training, and recruitment of respite providers. A key component of this work is reaching a consensus on a standardized assessment that collects the information within AB100 without being burdensome on the family caregiver.

The UNR-NCED has been working to gather and evaluate existing programs and data available about family caregivers. They have also started gathering various intake forms, surveys, etc. Due to unexpected delays in the project, ADSD and UNR-NCED have not been able to formally begin the workgroup to determine an appropriate assessment to pilot. This activity is scheduled to commence in the first quarter of SFY2026.

Off the shelf products such as T-Care, Trualta, and Archangels continue to have a strong appeal, with their readiness to implement. However, as previously reported, these products share the challenge of sustainability.

While reporting requirements enacted under AB100 end with this report, ADSD intends to continue efforts through existing projects, ensuring close collaboration with the Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition, ADSD subrecipients, and the Grants Management unit that is a part of the DHHS Director's office.