

Review of NLRCC Role, Priorities, Recommendations

NLRCC Bylaws

The Coalition shall:

1. Develop a state plan to **address the availability and quality of respite and family caregiver support services** in Nevada.
2. Monitor the progress in carrying out the state plan, including review and revisions each biennium.
3. **Gather and disseminate information regarding family caregiver services and supports** throughout Nevada; and monitor for unnecessary duplication of services.
4. Evaluate proposed legislation and provide insight on how it could affect family caregivers or afford them education, services or other supports based on their needs.
5. **Make recommendations to the Legislature, the Governor's Office, or other State Agencies** to improve the availability, quality, and access of respite services in Nevada.
6. **Coordinate and create networking opportunities** to assist the efforts of public and private organizations providing respite services in Nevada.

The Coalition may:

1. **Review the procedures and practices of state entities** and others to ensure that family caregivers have access to respite and other supportive services.
2. **Make recommendations** to state entities and others concerning:
 - a. **Improving the health and well-being** of family caregivers in Nevada.
 - b. **Coordination of services and funding** to support family caregivers.
3. Support respite workers and providers **by offering educational opportunities** that incorporate best practices and aim to improve the quality of respite services offered across the state.

11/16/2021 NLRCC Selected Priorities & Recommendations

The Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC) recognizes caregivers for their role in the Long-Term Services and Support (LTSS) system and honors that role by:

- Increasing the number of individuals **that self-identify as caregivers** and supporting them as LTSS key partners - with access to training services and resources.
- **Engaging them in design and delivery of services** and treating them as essential members of the care recipient's care team.
- Promoting strategies that reduce the impact on family caregivers' financial and employment security.
- Promoting the importance of caregivers finding and maintaining supportive relationships with people in their communities beyond paid providers.
- Empower individuals and caregivers by **embracing the principles of self-direction and self-determination, and in applying person-centered practices** to the delivery of services.

- Ensure access to information about services and supports that individuals & caregivers need to make informed choices.

Policy Recommendations:

- **Address inequities in access to and funding for direct support caregiver services** for all care recipient populations; including incentives for direct support professionals - to create a more stable and qualified workforce.
- **Ensure the availability of respite care** for families with members of all ages, disabilities or healthcare conditions, geographic location, socio-economic status, or cultural identity.
- Reduce the real cost of care for family caregivers and the disincentives for continuing care at home and ensure the movement of individuals with long-term care needs from institutional settings to community come with the necessary supports for primary caregivers.

The Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC) strategic plan will focus on areas such as person and family-centered care; assessment and service planning; information, education and training supports; respite options; and financial and workplace security issues. Family caregivers' physical, emotional, and financial well-being will improve because of expanded awareness, outreach, and education.

08152022 NLRCC Legislative Recommendation

Our recommendation is to propose legislation that **establishes a process** for hospitals, Medicaid waiver programs, healthcare professionals, and agency programs for Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) that rely on a family caregiver to provide care and support for a person with a disability, terminal illness, cognitive impairment, or chronic healthcare condition (Inclusive of definitions in NRS 449A, NRS 426, and NRS 427A) **to assess caregiver willingness, ability, and needs to provide that care long term**, and provide data from the assessments to the Nevada Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS).