

## LIFESPAN RESPITE GRANT ACTIVITY UPDATES

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1. The Administration for Community Living has awarded Nevada Lifespan Respite Program with a 5-year grant to address gaps in services for children with dual diagnosis. This grant is to build upon previous and current efforts to effectively support family caregivers of children with dual diagnosis. This project is in the beginning preliminary stages of structuring a steering committee with representatives from Division of Child and Family Services, SOC Grant Unit, Nevada Early Intervention Services, Developmental Services, the Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy (state Medicaid agency), Nevada Lifespan Respite Coalition, and various advocacy groups to guide the work under this project.
2. The Caregiving in Nevada Report has been published on the Aging and Disability Services Division Reports website. This report is available to the public and serves as comprehensive report on data for caregivers in the state regarding caregiver services, needs, and the challenges of the role of being a caregiver. <https://adsd.nv.gov/About/Reports/Reports/>
3. The Lifespan Respite Emergency funds had an allotment of \$44,973.03. Outreach on the Emergency Funds from Partner Agencies, Family Resource Centers, Senior Centers, and Nevada Care Connection has resulted in referrals and family caregivers contacting the Lifespan Respite Program for emergency respite needs. 121 family caregivers have applied for the emergency funds. The funds have helped 70 family caregivers to receive the funds. Northern Nevada balance \$8,162.43 and Southern Nevada balance \$3,433.43.
4. ADSD is working to increase the availability of respite education, outreach, and recruitment efforts to expand the respite workforce to the public. Through the Lifespan Respite Enhancement Grant, the intern coordinator is working to structure a new respite internship opportunity in an effort to further promote awareness of respite, respite education, and to increase the workforce. Another goal targeted has been building and promoting the free Nevada Respite Worker Training to new and existing audiences including people with disabilities, faith-based communities, and diversity groups who may be interested in the online training.
5. ADSD is working with state and community partners to expand utilization of a standard Caregiver Satisfaction Survey and to date 48 caregivers have completed the survey after caregivers received respite assistance funding from the Emergency Respite Assistance Funds. Greater efforts are needed with state level partners to implement utilization of the survey to consistently help with the future progress of evaluation on Lifespan Respite goals.