ANNOUNCEMENT
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Our Washington State Lifespan Respite team is excited to let you know that we learned yesterday that the Administration for Community Living awarded our state a three-year Lifespan Respite Care Integration & Sustainability Grant #90RL10010.01.00. The grant began September 1, 2017 and ends August 31, 2020. Thank you for your letter of support and encouragement! We look forward to partnering with you on this grant.

Karen Fitzharris, will be the new Grant Director. She has a strong background in DSHS services, has worked with managed care programs, provides oversight of the WA TBI Council and has managed several federal grants related to the CMS Financial Alignment Demonstrations (Health Homes). I, along with Scott Bloom (TBI Program Manager) and Dana Allard-Webb look forward to working alongside Karen and our lead subcontractor, Homage Senior Services, in addition to other new partner agencies and populations.

GRANT ABSTRACT

Goal: Washington Aging and Long-Term Support Administration and Lifespan Respite WA (LRW) will strengthen the respite system to become more sustainable while expanding to specialized populations.

Objectives:

1. Enhance respite services: Develop respite options to underserved populations; Create online respite options/planning modules; Train public/private service systems; Utilize Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) system for LRW data.

2. Evaluate respite capacity and efficacy: Conduct respite provider/user surveys; Analyze survey data for access/consistency/quality; Create issue briefs; Evaluate LRW’s processes to increase efficiencies.

3. Strengthen infrastructure and sustainability: Increase respite services; Improve access and utilization of LRW vouchers.
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Products:

1. Five LRW surveys, analysis and briefs.
2. Three respite options/planning online modules.
3. Respite training presentation(s) for ADRC and stakeholders.
4. A respite provider procedural toolkit.

Outcomes:

1. An increase in respite service option(s) tailored to the needs of TBI survivors and their caregivers along with American Indians/Alaskan Natives across the lifespan as evidenced by the availability of funding and new service options and users.

2. An increase in caregiver outreach opportunities will result from new online respite options/planning modules.

3. An increase in timely utilization of caregiver vouchers (i.e. 75% of caregivers will utilize their authorized voucher within a six-month period).

4. Commitment by one or more public/private partnerships will be secured to provide financial support for ongoing LRW services.

Take care and thank you again for your support.

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