Lifespan Respite Care Grant: Planned, Unplanned and Emergency Respite Service

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Lifespan Respite Care Grant

- $200,000 grant
- 3-year grant
- Goes through August 31, 2020
- Serves family caregivers regardless of the age of the care recipient
- North Dakota Respite Coalition formed to assist with the implementation of the grant

Lifespan Respite Care Grant Update

- Major Objectives
  - Increase awareness of existing respite services and resources for caregivers
  - Streamline access to respite services through expanded use of the ADRL
  - Explore opportunities to provide education and training on caregiving and respite care for all ages, particularly in rural and underserved areas
  - Develop a voucher system to provide emergency respite services

Awareness of existing respite and resources

- Continuing to gather information for ADRL database
- Conducting public education via presentations
- Developing a respite fact sheet/brochure
- Producing a video on the importance of respite

Streamline access to respite by expanding ADRL

- Developed caregiver resource section
- Added information about services for children and other special needs populations
- Improved website design and functionality
- *Website tour- carechoice.nd.assistguide.net*

Educational opportunities for caregivers

Contract with NDSU Extension to provide Powerful Tools for Caregiver classes to caregivers across lifespan

Contract with Family Voices to provide Parent to Parent trainings across ND

Aging staff and Coalition members have conducted several public presentations at conferences, meetings and other public events

North Dakota Lifespan Respite Summit

June 2019

Emergency Respite Voucher Program

- Launched Emergency Respite Voucher Program March 2019
- *The purpose of the Lifespan Emergency* ***Respite*** *Care Grant Service is to offer the funding and resources to support caregivers of children with special needs or of adults who have an urgent need for respite care in the absence of any other funding sources.*
- 12 applications received and $10,500 requested

Emergency Respite Voucher Program

- Lessons Learned
  - Cannot open the forms from nd.gov
    - Use Internet Explorer!
  - Vernacular differences
    - Caregiver—person needing respite
    - Provider—person or agency providing respite
  - Retroactive requests
    - May be approved on a case-by-case basis
  - "Emergency" deters making referrals
    - Rebrand the service

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- Change policy to include planned, unplanned and emergency respite
- Effective 10/1/2019
  - The purpose of the Lifespan Respite Care Grant Service is to offer the funding and resources to support caregivers of children with special needs or of adults who have a need for respite care in the absence of any other public funding sources.
- The need for respite care services may result from but is not limited to the following circumstances:

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- Caregiver illness (physical, mental, emotional);
- Caregiver medical appointments;
- Caregiver hospitalization;
- Caregiver death;
- Illness of a loved one;
- Funeral/wake;
- Waiting for approval for other respite funding sources;
- Substance use disorder;
- Fire/weather damage to caregiver/care recipients' home;
- Caregiver/care recipient conflict;
- Abuse/neglect prevention;
- Risk of loss of employment.

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- Call ADRL to discuss if caregiving situation fits the criteria
- Cap remains at $1050
- Application process remains the same

LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE GRANT
RESPITE CARE FUNDS FLOWCHART

NEED FOR RESPITE CARE IS DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY

AGENCY

- Need for respite care determined
- Complete application SFN 548
- Assist with finding a provider
- Provide copy of respite care service standards to caregiver/care recipient

AGENCY GIVES TO PROVIDER

- Provider agreement SFN 559
- IRS substitute W-9 SFN 53656
- Copy of a provider service log SFN 546
- Copy of the sample worksheet/journal
- Copy of the respite care service standards

AGENCY SENDS TO AGING SERVICES

- Completed application SFN 548
- Completed provider agreement SFN 559
- Completed IRS substitute W-9 SFN 53656

AGING SERVICES

- Determines eligibility
- Provide copy of authorization SFN 565 to agency
- Return copy of approved provider agreement SFN 559 to agency

AGENCY IF DENIED:

- Notify caregiver/care recipient of denial
- Provide copy of authorization SFN 565 to caregiver/care recipient
- Assist caregiver/care recipient in seeking other respite care

AGENCY IF APPROVED:

- Notify caregiver/care recipient of approval
- Provide copy of authorization SFN 565 to caregiver/care recipient
- Provide copy of authorization SFN 565 to provider
- Return approved provider agreement SFN 559 to provider

PROVIDER

- Complete provider service log SFN 546
- Submit provider service log SFN 546 to Aging Services for payment
- Complete worksheet/journal and retain for 75 months

AGING SERVICES

- Reviews provider service log
- Submits to Department of Human Services (DHS) Fiscal Division for payment
- Payment sent directly to the provider

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Please visit https://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/respite.html for more information.

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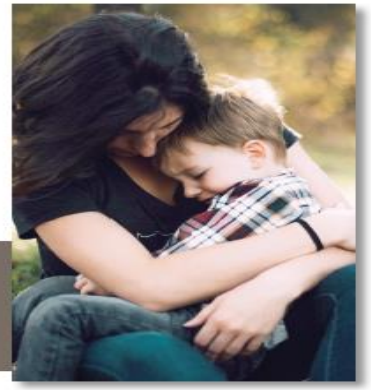
Are you working with a family member or another adult providing ongoing, unpaid care for an adult or child with a special need?

Are they experiencing an emergency or planned/unplanned event or crisis?



There may be funding to assist with the cost of

RESPITE CARE

Lifespan Respite Care Grant Service may offer funding for a short break for family caregivers who are experiencing events such as:

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- Ongoing medical care such as scheduled cancer treatments
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Contact the **Aging and Disability Resource Link (ADRL)** to connect to this service.

- Call **855-462-5465**
- Email **carechoice@nd.gov**

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Contact a case manager, agency provider, or a professional who works with you and your loved one for assistance in applying for the respite care funding. They may contact the ADRL at 855-462-5465 to assist you in connecting to this service.

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- carechoice@nd.gov
- 855-462-5465
- Department of Human Services

  Aging Services Division

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  Bismarck, ND 58501

Link to the Service Standards and forms is available at

https://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/