


Our Purpose


- Collaborate with respite care agencies and others interested in respite care
- Work closely with the appropriate government and private agencies and/or groups
- Promote and support the concept of quality in the delivery of respite care.
- Initiate, sponsor and promote educational programs and research.
- Provide consultation and disseminate information.

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Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW) is the only statewide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting planned and crisis quality respite care across the lifespan.

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Wisconsin Lifespan Respite Training

What is it?

- It is a free online comprehensive respite care worker training course
- Take it at your own pace – up to 2-weeks.
- The Department of Health Services has approved the Lifespan Caring Network Training Program
- Upon successful completion, participants may chose to be listed on our Wisconsin Respite Care Registry

Topics Covered

- What is Respite?
- Disability Information
- Client Care
- Medication Administration
- Emergencies & Incident Reporting
- Communication Techniques
- Coping with Challenging Moments
- Free-Time Activities
- Making Connections

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Additional training offered

In collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (UWO), Center for Community Development, Engagement and Training (CCDET), RCAW is coordinating access to, including discounted or free access in some instances, specialized training opportunities to interested family caregivers and (respite) care workers.

- Caregivers SOAR! Train the Trainer Sessions.
- Standard Precautions
- Honoring Resident Rights
- Fire Safety and Emergency Procedures
- Professional Boundaries for Caregivers
- Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: The Basics
- Compassionate Care and Communication Techniques
- Responding to Challenging Situations
- Managing Crisis Situations in Dementia Care
- Stress Reduction and Relaxation Techniques

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Wisconsin Respite Care Registry




Common Questions:

- How does the registry work?
- Who can use the registry?
- Are persons listed on the registry an employee of RCAW?
- Is there a cost to be listed on the registry?

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Mini-Grant Program for Agencies



How the Mini-Grant Works:


- Eligible Applicants
- Average grant award
- Types of activities/events supported
- Examples the funds can be used for?

Goals:

- Expand the pool of trained respite care workers
- Educate local family caregivers
- Bring together local agencies that support family caregivers
- Connect workers with family caregivers and/or provider agencies

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Caregiver Respite Grant Program




The Process:

- Eligibility determination – what is it?
- If eligible, applicants are asked to complete a comprehensive application
- Each application will be reviewed for completion of information and satisfaction of requirements.
 - ✓ Know dates of respite care
 - ✓ Information on respite worker/provider selected
 - ✓ Amount of funds requested

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Caregiver Respite Grant Program



Highlights:

- No minimum or maximum – must be reasonable. (Going market rates based on level of need, type of respite, etc.)
- May reapply 90 days after grant award – up to 4 times a year.
- Must complete and submit to RCAW a Satisfaction Survey after each grant award to be eligible to apply again
- No household income threshold
- May hire family/friends – whomever caregiver and care-recipient determine is best to provide respite care
- Care recipient must live in Wisconsin. Does not need to live with primary family caregiver

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Group Respite Grant Program

Purpose:

- To assist family caregivers participate in group respite, support, or informational/educational opportunities but for the provision of respite for their loved one would be unable to attend.
- Organizations, groups, caregiver cafes and the like can apply to RCAW on behalf of a group of caregivers (1 application) to provide quality, safe respite.
- Still a work in progress, but working out kinks as we go.

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Respite Information & Referral

We have a dedicated web page with respite information broken out into target caregivers, i.e.:

- Caregivers of children
- Caregivers of adults
- Caregivers of older adults
- Respite care workers/providers
- Order form to request RCAW program flyers for distribution
- Coming soon: Respite business start-up info.

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