



16th Annual National Lifespan Respite Conference October 7-9, 2014 • Nashville, TN

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Dear Sir/Madam:

We are writing to ask for your support as a sponsor of the **2014 National Lifespan Respite Conference** hosted by the Tennessee Respite Coalition in collaboration with the ARCH National Respite Network. The conference will be held October 7-9, 2014, at the Vanderbilt Marriott, Nashville, Tennessee. The theme of the conference is *Get in Tune with Respite*, reflecting the great musical city of Nashville and challenging conference attendees to learn and share how respite can create harmony for families in caregiving situations.

More than 60 million family caregivers in the US provide support, assist with daily living tasks, and even perform complex medical procedures for loved ones with disabilities or chronic conditions to help them continue to live at home. While most family members provide this care out of love, concern and commitment, many do so without any support. Respite has been shown to help alleviate family caregiver stress and improve their health and well-being. Yet, nearly 90% of family caregivers are not receiving respite.

The purpose of the conference is to educate the public, service providers, government agencies, businesses, and other decision makers about the value of respite and to showcase innovations in service delivery and access. The latest information will be presented by the nation's experts in the field of family caregiving and respite. Keynote speakers will include high level officials from the US government, academia, and leaders in the private sector. Over 25 workshops will cover topics including best practices, ground-breaking research, kinship care, emergency respite, family caregiver stress and coping, and new volunteer and faith-based respite approaches. Respite that serves special populations such as individuals with mental health issues, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, ALS, intellectual disabilities and autism, the frail elderly, and children with special health care needs will be highlighted.

The audience will include participants from across the United States who work in diverse disciplines with or on behalf of children and adults with disabilities and chronic conditions, the aging population, and other vulnerable families. We expect over 250 individuals from state and local government agencies, private national and statewide organizations, community and faith-based agencies, businesses, policymakers, family caregivers and consumers to attend.

As the Baby Boomer generation grows older and people with disabilities live longer, a crisis in limited home and community-based care is looming. Please consider sponsoring or exhibiting at the 2014 National Lifespan Respite Conference to demonstrate your support and market your leadership in this important field. A variety of sponsorship and exhibitor options are described in the attached materials. We look forward to your support and working with you on these very important and emerging issues in the long-term services and supports arena. If you need more information about sponsorship or exhibitor opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Abernathy at conference@tnrespite.org or call 615-269-8687.

Sincerely,



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