



# Colorado Respite Care Program

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# *How to **Elevate** **Respite***



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# START AT 5280 MILE HIGH DENVER



# COLLABORATION

- Partnerships...Partnerships...Partnerships
- Easter Seals Colorado
- Colorado Respite Coalition with 5 Regional Coalitions and over 120 Organizations
- Chronic Care Collaborative 28 Organizations
- CDHS State Unit on Aging
- 2015 Collaboration Award

**IT MAY SEEM TOO STEEP  
TO CLIMB**





# COORDINATED EFFORTS

- Legislative Respite Task Force
- Strategic Plan
- Employer Engagement
- Kinship Respite
- Respite Grants
- Respite Vouchers

# RESPITE VOUCHERS

- Planned and Emergency Respite
- Family Completes Application
- \$500 Per Care Recipient
- Family Chooses from List of Approved Agencies
  - Fingerprint Background Checks
  - Maximum Payment \$20/hour
  - Insurance Requirements
  - Submit Timely Invoices

# VOUCHER RESULTS

- Available Statewide
- 53 Families Served
- 2,171 Respite Hours
- Total \$33,050
- 18 Approved Providers
- Lifespan (Older Adults 26; Youth 36)
- Range of Disabilities

# TRAINING IS NEEDED TO REACH THE TOP



# TRAINING FOR CAREGIVERS

- Adams State Training
  - One week classroom (40 hours)
  - 11 weeks Hands-On
  - Weekly Papers
  - Final
    - Identify Disability
    - Challenges
    - Develop Solution
    - Present to Panel
- AARP Webinars
- Jane Barton
- Caregiving Journaling
- Expanding On-Line Caregiver Cloud Training

# TRAINING RESULTS

## (3 Years)

- 180 Trainings
- 6,405 Caregivers
- Topics Were Many
  - Caregiver Wellness Toolkits
  - How Technology Can Help Family Caregivers
  - Employer Engagement
  - Disability Awareness, Sensitivity, and

# SHOW ME THE MONEY



# BRAIDED FUNDING

- Federal Grant
- Surcharge on those Convicted of Committing Crimes Against At-Risk Populations CRS 18-6.5-107
- State General Funds Allocated to Support Respite
  - \$150,000 in 2013 for SFY2014
  - \$250,000 in 2014 for SFY2015
  - \$350,000 for SFY2016 and SFY2017
- Collaboration Award \$50,000

# **DESTINATION SUSTAINABILITY AT 14,000 FEET**





# SUSTAINABILITY EQUALS

- Braided Funding
- Partnership  
s
- Coordinated Efforts
- Education  
Training

