

Comparative Summary Table Characteristics of State Lifespan Respite Programs

	Oregon	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Wisconsin	Arizona
Lead Agency	<p><i>State agency</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) charged by state law to develop statewide respite coordination. 	<p><i>State Agency</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeled on Oregon Lifespan Respite Program, Nebraska Respite Network created by legislation in 1999 • Implemented by Nebraska Health & Human Services System (HHSS) 	<p><i>State Agency</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single state entity, the Dept of Human Resources manages voucher program • Oklahoma Respite Resource Network (ORRN) is a statewide partnership of public and private agencies • Partnering State Agencies include: developmental disabilities, mental health, aging, maternal and child health and others 	<p><i>Private, Non-Profit</i></p> <p>Respite Care Association of Wisconsin</p>	<p><i>State Agency</i></p> <p>Arizona Dept of Economic Security</p>
Local Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 local networks serving all 36 counties • State Advisory Board 	<p>Network consists of 6 regional entities serving the state</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No physical local or regional structure • OASIS, a statewide toll-free number, links families to the program, to respite providers (if they can't find their own), and training. 	<p>Five regional lifespan networks (one in each of the five Department of Health and Family Services regions) serve seven counties.</p>	<p>Each local Area Agency on Aging is functioning as the local Lifespan Respite Program in 8 areas of the state.</p>
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information for Caregivers (17%) • Assistance in gaining access to respite (9%) • Support Groups (2%) • Caregiver Training (2%) • Respite (70%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and referral – match family to provider • Recruitment of providers (over 1000) • Training of providers and consumers • Quality assurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families, considered the employer, entitled to \$200-\$400 in vouchers/3 months • Encouraged to consider family, friends or coworkers, civic organizations, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide information and referral, technical assistance, and training • Local linkage to existing programs and funding • Local gap funding 	<p>Respite</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation 	and program evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public awareness 	churches to provide respite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State agencies will provide training free of charge to respite provider selected by family if family desires 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local provider recruitment and training • Advocacy 	
Ages Served	All ages served if funding source is available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children 0-12 (34%) • Adolescents 13-17 (8%) • Adults 18-59 (11%) • Seniors 60-75 (19%) • Aging 75+ (28%) 	All ages served if funding source is available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ages served if funding source is available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For information and referral, all ages served • For gap funding, individuals up to age 60 who do not qualify for other respite programs (gap funding may no longer be available). 	Family Caregivers of individuals over age 18 who currently do not qualify for existing respite services
Available Funding To Pay for Respite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access specific existing state and federal dollars for which individuals qualify • No vouchers or subsidies for those who do not qualify for any existing program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access specific existing state and federal dollars for which individuals qualify • Lifespan Respite Subsidy program paid for with State Tobacco Settlement Funds • Families who do not qualify for other federal or state programs, up to 315% of poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access specific existing state and federal dollars for which individuals qualify • \$1.4 million is available for respite vouchers from existing state and federal funding streams and some private foundation/organization funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At one time, each regional Lifespan network received \$25,000 in state dollars for Gap Funding in the form of vouchers using state dollars specifically for the Lifespan Respite Program. (may no longer be available) • Program does not draw down existing federal funding streams, but will assist caregivers in identifying local funding for which they may qualify. 	Program Budget is \$500,000 from state dollars.

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Eligibility	<p>Families of Individuals of any age who qualify for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid or Oregon's Health Care • SSI • DD Self-Directed • DD Family Support (Ages 0-17) • Family Caregiver Support (OAA) • Safety Net SCF • Mental Health • Head Start • Hospice 	<p>Families of individuals of any age with special needs who qualify for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • existing state or federal funding streams or • the state's Lifespan Respite Subsidy earning up to 315% of poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families must meet eligibility criteria of an existing funding stream • Vouchers issued to families earning under \$60,000 annually 	<p>See Ages Column</p>	<p>Individuals who do not qualify for other publicly funded respite services, such as Family Caregivers of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seriously or terminally ill persons who do not currently qualify for hospice; • Persons under 60 with significant functional impairments, but not eligible for disability services; • Persons with early cognitive deficit and functional impairment, without dementia diagnosis; • Grandparents or relative caregivers under age 55 caring for children 18 and younger; and • Veterans not qualified for respite services from the Veteran's Administration
Role of State Respite Coalition	<p>No formalized state respite coalition</p>	<p>Main Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nebraska Respite Coalition originally formed to advocate for establishment of NE Lifespan Respite Program. • Legislative Advocacy to keep State program funded • Public Education and Awareness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No formalized state respite coalition. • State agency representatives voluntarily came together in 1997 to form a Respite Task Force, which became the Oklahoma Respite Resource Network – OK's Lifespan Respite 	<p>Main Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW), the state respite coalition, organized in 1987; advocated for enactment of state Lifespan Respite legislation in 1999. • RCaw became lead 	<p>Main Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration, Advocacy, Respite, Education (CARE). • Advocacy to keep statewide Lifespan Respite program funded. <p>Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZ Lifespan Respite Care Network, the state respite

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		<p>Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal, run by co-chairs; • meets every other month. <p>Staff and Funding: All volunteer run. Funding is raised through donations and grants to cover cost of events.</p> <p>Membership: Representatives from for-profit, nonprofit and governmental organizations, family caregivers.</p>	<p>program in 1998.</p>	<p>agency for the state's Lifespan Respite program, but mission remains to promote, support, and expand quality statewide respite care across the lifespan.</p> <p>Staff and Funding: Has a Board of Directors and two paid program staff</p>	<p>coalition, functions as working committee within the AZ Caregiver Coalition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership consists of two voluntary cochairs and secretary • Meets every six weeks in rotating locations. <p>Staff and Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No paid staff. • To date, financial support is from AZ Family Caregiver Support Program; Division of Aging and Adult Services; ongoing support from Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. <p>Membership: Currently free to family caregivers, respite providers, Area Agencies on Aging, disease- specific associations and other agencies or organizations.</p>

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