



Maryland

Respite Care Coalition

FACT SHEET

Respite care provides a break for the caregiver who cares for a child, adult, friend or neighbor with special needs or circumstances.

About Us

The Maryland Respite Care Coalition is an all-volunteer statewide organization that advocates for respite care services for caregivers across the state.

The Maryland Respite Care Coalition was incorporated in the state of Maryland in June 2000 and remained active in the state as a 501c3 nonprofit organization until approximately 2011. The Coalition re-formed in 2017 and is actively recruiting new members.

The Coalition hosted 14 annual Respite Awareness conferences and was instrumental in supporting legislation that led to the development of the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council.

What We Do

Most State Respite Coalitions are grassroots membership organizations that consist of volunteers who work together to achieve common goals around affordable, accessible, and quality respite care. In Maryland, our coalition is informal, though there may be new opportunities to make the group more formal.

As the newly re-booted Coalition continues to meet, it will articulate a new mission statement, goals and objectives to guide our work.

Why Join?

There are a number of benefits to joining the Coalition:

- Participate in improving quality or availability of services
- Power to take action on our own behalf
- Support the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council and other efforts
- Great opportunity for leadership development
- Serve as a voice of caregivers

Join us!

Next meeting: July 11, 2017

9.30 – 11 am

Location: 7000 Tudsbury Rd.

Baltimore, MD 21244

RSVP Requested



*Respite care is the #1
need of caregivers for
resources that they
need, but do not have.*

*-2015 statewide Maryland
Caregiver Survey*

Existing Respite Resources

The Respite Care Coalition does not provide or pay for respite services. In Maryland, respite information is often disseminated based on the needs or age of the care recipient. One of our tasks may be to advocate for more streamlined information about available services.

For current respite resources in Maryland, please visit this site: <http://dhr.maryland.gov/office-of-adult-services/respice-care-program/>. You can also search www.marylandaccesspoint.info.

New Respite Resources

In 2016, the Maryland Department of Human Resources and the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council applied for and was awarded the federal Lifespan Respite Grant from the Administration on Community Living.

The project includes plans to:

- expand access to respite services on an emergency basis,
- offer more training,
- increase the numbers of qualified volunteer respite providers, and
- improve access to services.

Coalition members frequently communicate with the Council to ensure caregiver voices are being heard when it comes to respite care.

Contact Us

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