

We Are Forming an *Expanding Respite Options* Workgroup!



Wisconsin
Family and Caregiver
Support Alliance

We're not just starting a generic respite workgroup; we're creating a **high-impact, statewide "Expanding Respite Options" workgroup** under the Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA) with the added muscle of Wisconsin's Area Agencies on Aging, State of Wisconsin, and RCAW's resources and connections.

Purpose: To accelerate access to diverse, high-quality respite options for Wisconsin's family caregivers and their loved ones—through collaboration, innovation, and action. We are looking to **build a powerhouse workgroup**. We want decision-makers, doers, drivers, and diversity to make up our workgroup, including:

- **Family caregiver voices** (urban, rural, diverse cultural backgrounds)
- **Providers** (nonprofit respite programs, in-home care, adult day services, camps, faith-based)
- **System players** (ADRC directors, Aging Units, DHS reps, county human services)
- **Workforce pipelines** (tech colleges, nursing schools, volunteer corps)
- **Innovators** (co-op developers, app developers, cultural connectors)
- **Researchers and Data Analysts**

Promise: Meetings will be **energizing and action-oriented, resulting** in tangible next steps, valuable connections, and new resources you can use today. We also promise to:

- **Keep meetings to 60 minutes:** 15 min updates, 35 min working session, 10 min commitments
- **Rotate facilitation** to keep voices fresh and ensure shared leadership
- **Visual progress tracking** using a shared dashboard
- **Quick wins:** Start with something that can be achieved in 60 days, so we build momentum!



Goals:

- **Identify underserved areas** through a comprehensive environmental scan to better target caregiver support.
- **Promote existing services** so more caregivers know about and use available support.
- **Develop innovative solutions** to meet the greatest unmet caregiver needs.
- **Build a data dashboard** to track respite services and outcomes.
- **Expand National Respite Care Provider Training (NRCPT) uptake** to strengthen the respite care workforce.

Plan for Sustainability

- Have a **core steering team** of 5–7 who keep things moving between meetings
- Rotate small **task forces** for projects, so no one feels overburdened
- Celebrate annually (at the **Wisconsin Respite Summit**) with recognition awards

Expanding Respite Options Workgroup Application

Objective: This form is for individuals who are committed to taking action to help the Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance's **Expanding Respite Options Workgroup** achieve its goals. Please fill out the form completely so we can understand your background and how you can contribute.



Date of Application: _____

1. Personal Information

- Full Name: _____
- Email Address: _____
- Phone Number: _____

2. Professional Information

- Company/Organization: _____
- Job Title: _____

3. Interest and Motivation

- **Why are you interested in joining this workgroup?** (e.g., project relevance, skill development, networking)

- **Which of the workgroup's objectives are you most passionate about?** (Check all that apply)
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4. Skills and Experience

- **Please list any skills or experience relevant to this workgroup's goals** (e.g., project management, data analysis, graphic design, specific software expertise).

- **What specific contribution do you hope to make to the workgroup?**

6. Signature and Agreement: By signing below, I confirm that the information provided is accurate and that I understand the commitment required to participate in the Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance's Expanding Respite Options Workgroup.

Typed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Questions? Contact RCAW's Executive Director, Lisa Schneider: lschneider@respitecarewil.org