Colorado Respite Care Program
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- Colorado Respite Coalition (CRC) founded in 2008 has grown to 188 members
- Partnership with CRC, Chronic Care Collaborative (CCC), Easter Seals Colorado, and State Unit on Aging for the Administration for Community Living Lifespan Respite Grant 2011-2014 ($184,513)
- Website launched in 2012 [www.coloradorespitecoalition.org](http://www.coloradorespitecoalition.org)
  - Financial Assistance
  - Training Resources
  - Respite Locator 450 Providers
  - Project Announcements
- Expanded range of services
  - Trainings-Nearly 3,100 individuals, statewide (urban and rural), covering lifespan care for all disabilities
  - Local University Partnership for College Credit to Students working in the field
  - Three regional coalitions (Northern Colorado Respite Coalition, Southern Colorado Respite Coalition, and Western Slope Respite Coalition in Fall 2013)
- Advocacy and Outreach
  - In 2012, HB12-1226 passed imposing a surcharge on those convicted of committing crimes against at-risk populations (CRS 18-6.5-107)
    - Minimal amount collected (approximately $9,000)
    - However, approximately $125,000 assessed
    - Inability to pay assessment
  - State General Funds allocated to support respite through grants to agencies
    - $150,000 in SFY2014
    - $250,000 in SFY2015
    - $350,000 in SFY2016
  - Outreach to counties, Area Agencies on Aging, Aging and Disability Resources for Colorado, respite agencies, and District Attorneys
- Reduced service gaps
  - Grant Program – 42 grants, totaling $346,700, distributed statewide (i.e. Durango, Grand Junction, Colorado Springs, Sterling), lifespan care and range of disabilities (State General Funds and Federal Grant Funds)
  - More than 18,000 hours of respite provided in FY2015
- Annual Reports available for Federal Grant Funds and State Funds
- 2014 Lifespan Respite Integration Grant Awardee
  - (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017 estimated $323,447)
    - Develop and implement employer engagement training
    - New trainings including developing and sharing university training concept and toolkit
    - Develop and implement voucher program for emergency respite
    - Increase social media and partnerships