2016 NATIONAL LIFESPAN RESPITE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The Conference will address the respite needs of family caregivers who provide care for individuals of all ages and conditions. Over 30 workshops and plenary sessions will focus on respite care innovations in service delivery, research, and best practices in Lifespan Respite state systems.

Senator Elizabeth Dole will serve as Honorary Chair of the 2016 National Lifespan Respite Conference to be held in Denver, CO, September 20-22, 2016. Senator Dole, with a long and distinguished career helping women and minorities reach their full potential, most recently founded Caring for Military Families: The Elizabeth Dole Foundation to raise awareness and support for the 5.5 million young spouses, mothers, fathers and other loved ones caring for our nation's wounded warriors at home. In this role as a distinguished caregiver advocate, she has served as a stalwart champion for more meaningful and accessible respite services and for ensuring that the Lifespan Respite Care Program is fully funded. Her leadership on behalf of military caregivers raises national awareness about the growing need for respite for military families and for all family caregivers.

Amy Goyer, Author, Speaker, Consultant, and AARP’s Family and Caregiving Expert will provide a keynote at the 2016 National Lifespan Respite Conference. Amy Goyer is an author, speaker and consultant specializing in aging and families, including caregiving, grandparenting and multi-generational issues. She has authored numerous print and online publications. She is a recognized media authority, including interviews for ABC, NBC, CBS, NPR, The New York Times, The Washington Post, People Magazine and numerous other media outlets. As AARP's Family and Caregiving expert, Amy is a columnist and has a "Taking Care" YouTube web series with actionable tips for caregivers. A passionate champion for all types of caregivers, Amy has been one her entire adult life, and has been an advocate for older adults, children and families for more than 30 years at the local, state, national and international levels.

Kathy Greenlee, Administrator of the Administration for Community Living and Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will provide a keynote address at the Conference. Administrator Greenlee was appointed by President Obama as Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and confirmed by the Senate in June 2009. The Administration for Community Living was created in 2012, bringing together the federal government’s work on behalf of older adults and people with disabilities. Assistant Secretary Greenlee believes that people with functional support needs should have the opportunity to live independently in homes of their choosing, receiving appropriate services and supports. She is committed to building the capacity of the aging and disability networks to better meet that need at a national level.

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