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## State Respite Program

*Definition of Respite: Respite shall mean the provision of infrequent and temporary substitute care or supervision of frail or disabled adults on behalf of and in the absence of the care-giver for the purpose of providing relief from the stresses or responsibilities concomitant with providing care, so as to enable the care-giver to maintain a normal routine.*




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## State Respite Program

- History of Program
- Elder Law § 208
- Grantees

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany	Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders WNY
Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults	Home Aides of Central New York
New York Foundation for Senior Citizens	Madison County Office for the Aging
Ridgewood/Bushwick Senior Citizens, Inc.	People, Inc.
EAC	Suffolk County Office for the Aging
Home Aides of Central New York	New York Foundation




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## State Respite Program Definitions

- Respite Client: Caregiver
  - Caregiver shall mean the family member or other natural person who normally provides the daily care or supervision of a frail or disabled adult. Such caregiver may, but need not, reside in the same household as the frail or disabled adult.
- Respite Client: Care Recipient
  - Frail or disabled adult shall mean any adult who is unable to attend to his or her daily needs without the assistance or regular supervision of a care-giver due to mental or physical impairment and who is otherwise eligible for services on the basis of his or her level of impairment. Priority shall be given in all cases to frail or disabled adults sixty years of age or older.




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## Caregiver Resource Centers

17 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) receiving funds.  
 Services offered:

- Group Training/Workshops
- Support Groups
- Counseling/Information and Referral

(Broome, Cattaraugus, Clinton, Cortland, Fulton, Genesee, Madison, Monroe, Nassau, Onondaga, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Steuben, Sullivan, Tompkins, Westchester)




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## Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) Non-institutional Respite

*Definition of Respite: The provision of short-term substitute care and supervision of functionally impaired older individuals to offer their caregivers temporary rest and relief from caregiving responsibilities. (Note: Non-institutional Respite refers to non-medical respite provided in a non-institutional setting.)*




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## (EISEP) – Non-institutional Respite

- May only be provided to clients receiving on-going care from informal caregivers pursuant to a service plan based on the overall care plan developed.
- Non-institutional respite may consist of:
  - Homemaker/Personal Services
  - Housekeeper/Chore Services
  - Paid Supervision
  - Nonmedical Adult Day Care




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## Serving Caregivers

Regardless the Funding



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## Serving Caregivers

Family caregivers present unique needs and preferences. Therefore, we need to be:

- ❖ Flexible in services
- ❖ Person-Centered
- ❖ Innovative



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## Working Better Together

**Title III-E priority area:**  
Older relative caregivers of children with severe disabilities, or individuals with disabilities who have severe disabilities.

The opioid epidemic has recently fueled increases in the number of relative caregivers in need of support.



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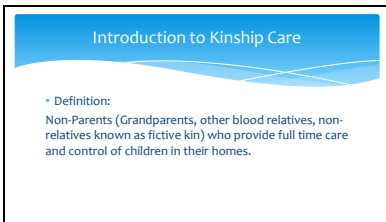
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## Local Kinship Programs

- OCFS 22 programs serving 22 counties in NYS
- Most rural counties unserved
- Provides on site case management and/or support



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## Permanency Centers

- 15 centers serve 57 counties
- Regional Permanency Resource Centers serve post-adoptive families and post-guardianship families.
  - Post-adoptive families are families who have finalized the adoption of their child. They include any adoptive family member, whether the adoption was an agency (public or authorized voluntary agency) adoption, a private placement adoption, or an international adoption.
  - Post-guardianship families include families with legal guardianship of the child and an approved kinship agreement or families with legal guardianship without a kinship agreement.

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## Offices of Aging

- Title III-E funds 10% discretionary dollars
  - 21 counties use for some type of kinship program – either I&R, support services, or lending library
    - NYC Grandparent Resource Center
- “No Wrong Door” System and NY Connects
- KN serves as a partner with NY Connects and NYSOFA to provide services to caregivers (resource partner)

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www.nysnavigator.org

- County Resources
- Cited Legal Fact Sheets
- Primer Videos
- Monthly Webinars
- Kinship Events
- Policy




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Kinship Navigator Outreach

- "The Face of Kinship Care"
- Summits
- Kinship Care Month Award Luncheon
- Regional Navigator presentations
- State Level Advocacy

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Financial Assistance

- "Child Only" grant
- Eligibility
- Process
- Additional Considerations
  - Good Cause Exemption
  - SNAP
- What if the parent is a minor or disabled?




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**Collaborations**

- Regional Navigators
- Federal Demonstration Project
- Permission to Contact Form
- LDSS and Community Collaborations




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**Legal Arrangements**

**Elements of Care:**

- Recognition from the law identifies you
- Authority
  - Schooling and school enrollment
  - Medical Care- emergency care, immunizations, routine, major
  - Records- Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Passports, etc.
- Security-Protections from losing children
- Financial: Access and Types of financial assistance
- Resource: Access and Types of services

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**Regional Navigators**

- 2016 Pilot Program
- Increased contact with communities and county human services agencies
- 5 Regions
- Virtual and in person advocacy for the caregivers
- Greater breadth of resources for kinship families

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