

## Coalition Meeting: Notes, Resources, Announcements 3/2022

### Announcements & Resources

**Post-meeting announcement:** the last few technology Mini-Grant applicants are in-process. Many thanks for helping to get the word out and sharing info on this helpful funding!

Heads-up for the [Arch National Respite Conference September 14 & 15 2022, in Madison, WI.](https://arch.wildapricot.org/2022-Natl-Respite-Conference)

Lifespan Respite WA has applied to present. The conference this year is in-person only.

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**Lifespan Respite WA Voucher Program:** the team reports that funding levels for the voucher program are lower than previously. To maximize the number of voucher recipients when funding is low, we wait through a 90-day voucher use cycle to award new vouchers, so that we can apply unused voucher funds to another applicant. For equity purposes voucher recipients are chosen to equalize voucher distribution across geographic sections of WA state, as population density in Western WA would otherwise use all available funds.

Efforts continue with the Dan Thompson Grant opportunity, a one-time statewide opportunity to fund projects to serve DDA-eligible individuals on the No-Paid-Services List. Lifespan's application for this funding was not initially approved, but there is a chance of unallocated/unusable funding becoming available.

Wendy Morris (Dementia Services at Lutheran Community Services NW, Tacoma office): **Behavioral Intervention Trainings now scheduled for May.** Free 60-minute training (virtual or in-person) for family caregivers of individuals with dementia.

- Register at: <https://forms.gle/GE6VeBdPkZox94e66> (dates are on the registration form)
- Questions? Need more info? 253-272-8433 or [dementiaservices@lcsnw.org](mailto:dementiaservices@lcsnw.org)

Michelle O'Dell, [National Fragile X Foundation WA State Chapter](#), also [Informing Families](#). Michelle offers herself as a resource for those of us who wish to learn more about Fragile X Syndrome. To start, there is a great deal of information on the website for [the Washington State Chapter of the National Fragile X Foundation](#).

**Searchable Respite Provider Database:** If a caregiver has a need for respite services, even if they do not have a voucher from Lifespan Respite, they (and all of the Coalition membership) are welcome to use our searchable database of respite providers. Traditional in-home, therapeutic, recreation, camps, education, arts.....Visit <https://www.lifespanrespitewa.org/> and click the big blue rectangle that says "Find Respite", or go to

<https://www.lifespanrespitewa.org/voucher-program/current-registered-providers/>.

**Resource requested:** Marilyn Gisser, DCYF: Are there other crisis nurseries or crisis respite locations for children in WA, in addition to what we have listed? [marilyn.gisser@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:marilyn.gisser@dcyf.wa.gov)

DCYF has these crisis nurseries listed:

- Margie's Crisis Nursery, serving Mason, Lewis, Thurston Counties: 360.786.8907, ext. 100
- Gray's Harbor Children's Advocacy Center: 360.249.0005
- Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery in Spokane: 509.535.3155
- Safe Harbor, serving the Tri-Cities area: 509.783.5734

**Crisis Nurseries:** Crisis nurseries offer a safe, stable place for children. It's a free service available to parents who have stress due to parenting, illness, domestic violence, homelessness and other crisis situations. Children age 6 and under can use a crisis nursery. Visit the "[Other Child Care Programs](#)" page at the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families to learn more about, and locate crisis nurseries.

### Presentation:

Taylor Wood of Brain Injury Alliance of Washington (BIAWA) gave an overview of their programs and resources. Email Taylor at [taylorw@biawa.org](mailto:taylorw@biawa.org)

BIAWA Resource Line 1-877-982-4292

- [Pediatric Resource Management](#) (youth-specific services including advocacy)
- [Adult Resource Management](#) (step-by-step assistance for short- and long-term goals)
- [Brain Injury Resource Locator Map](#) (interactive WA State)
- [Brain Health and Wellness Classes](#)
- [Support Groups, virtual and in-person](#)
- [Free Education and Guidance for Professionals about brain injury](#)

....and lots more!

### Topic requests for future meetings (MAY)

#### #1 Respite services for children and youth

- To include children with medically complex needs
- Lifespan Respite will bring forward the respite options through their voucher program

We're asking Coalition members to share programs, camps, classes, recreation, therapeutic, in-home, and medically oriented in-home care suggestions NOT on our provider list, especially those which offer scholarships or similar arrangements for attendees.

Thanks to Michelle O'Dell for sharing several such resources which Lifespan will check out for our voucher program!

#2: (Begin in MAY) Learn more about where agencies and programs represented in the Coalition are located in WA State, for purposes of collaboration. LRW/PAVE team will explore some useful ways of sharing members' locations around the state. We'll share the ideas with those participating at the May meeting to identify preferences