

## **Idaho Lifespan Respite Program Grant**

The Idaho Commission on Aging (ICOA), in partnership with Boise State University's Center for the Study of Aging (BSU-CSA) and The Idaho Lifespan Respite Coalition, proposes to expand lifespan respite in Idaho, through a grant from the Administration on Community Living (ACL). The Lifespan Respite program represents family caregivers of persons of all ages.

The objectives of the grant are:

- Utilize the Idaho Lifespan Respite Coalition to develop a statewide program.
- Enhance access to Lifespan Respite information through the Aging and Disability Resource Centers and other consumer access points.
- Conduct regional meetings to identify and address strengths and challenges of current respite services.
- Identify current training opportunities and gaps in training, and develop and provide training to emergency respite providers and volunteers.
- Provide emergency respite services.

### **Call to Action from the Idaho Lifespan Respite Coalition: Statewide Survey of Informal Caregivers**

The vision of the Idaho Lifespan Respite Coalition (the Coalition) is to create an integrated network of respite support for informal (unpaid) caregivers and care recipients of all ages. The Coalition, supported by the ICOA through the grant from the ACL, is comprised of representatives from public and private organizations, caregivers, and recipients of care throughout Idaho.

The purpose of this message is to invite you to participate in a statewide survey of informal (unpaid) caregivers and/or share this message with caregivers you may know. The survey is designed to gather information about the needs of caregivers and the results will be used to guide the actions of the Coalition. See below for link to survey.

The survey is anonymous. Participation will not affect any services or benefits a caregiver is receiving because we will not know who answered the survey. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Toevs, Center for the Study of Aging (208-426-2452), [stoevs@boisestate.edu](mailto:stoevs@boisestate.edu) or Pam Catt-Oliason, Idaho Commission on Aging (208-577-2852), [Pam.Catt-Oliason@aging.idaho.gov](mailto:Pam.Catt-Oliason@aging.idaho.gov).

**Anonymous survey link:** [Click here to complete Caregiver Survey.](https://boisestate.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9La2UqLMrnaS1Ct)  
[https://boisestate.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_9La2UqLMrnaS1Ct](https://boisestate.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9La2UqLMrnaS1Ct)