



## Arizona Caregiver Coalition

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# Significant Accomplishments

### Public Awareness Campaign

In 2007, during the development of the Arizona Caregiver Coalition (ACC) and the Lifespan Respite Care Program (LRCP), increasing public awareness of the value of family caregivers was identified as a primary activity needed to promote the importance of supporting caregivers through collaboration, advocacy, respite resources, and education. In 2009, an awareness campaign was included in Arizona's LRCP federal grant proposal, and is now a funded component of our three-year project. A public awareness campaign was conducted in November 2011 which focused on the successful awareness campaign to "Give Caregivers a Hand!".

### Caregiver Resource Line

This project was conceived as part of the development of the LRCP, and was also written into the LRCP federal grant proposal. A pilot project is being implemented in 2012 to create a statewide Caregiver Resource Line that allows trained volunteers to work with family caregivers that need assistance with navigating the system of supports available to them. This project was funded as part of the grant project and has been established within the ACC to develop referral protocols as this resource line is developed as a "caregiver component" to [AZ Links](#), the Arizona Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

### Caregiver Assessment Tool (CAT)

Developed over a four year period, the CAT was implemented as a required element of assessments for respite services within the Aging Network made up of the eight Area Agencies on Aging. The tool will improved authorization process to prioritize service delivery, apply additional assessment information into care planning, improve evaluation of services, and fulfill the statutory requirements of Lifespan Respite Program (LRP).

### State Summit and National Lifespan Respite Care Conference

The ACC held its first Statewide Summit on Respite Care in November, 2011. The Summit was a six-hour Pre-Conference Intensive to the 2011 National Lifespan Respite Care Conference and provided the framework for a true statewide network to support family caregivers across the lifespan.

The ACC hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual National Lifespan Respite Care Conference, Nov 2-4, 2011 which was held in Glendale November 2-4, 2011. This important event also included the National Grantees Meeting for the 36 States that received federal LRCP grants at that time.