

WELCOME



Maryland

Respite Care Coalition

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INTRODUCTIONS

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BRIEF OVERVIEW MARYLAND RESPITE CARE COALITION

- **Purpose**
 - *Statewide advocacy organization focused exclusively on Respite*
- **History and Accomplishments**
 - *Originally established in 2000, 501c3*
 - *Hosted 14 Annual Respite Awareness Conferences*
 - *Applied for and received grant funds*
 - *Supported legislation Maryland Family Caregiver Support Act
 - *Creates Maryland Family Caregivers Support Coordinating Council in Dept. Human Resources**

BRIEF OVERVIEW MARYLAND RESPITE CARE COALITION

- **Present**
 - *Coalition has been inactive approx. 5 years*
 - *Maryland Family Caregivers Support Coordinating Council in Dept. Human Resources
 - *New law, now called Maryland Commission on Caregiving**
 - *Council/Commission awarded federal Lifespan Respite grant in 2016*
 - *Great opportunity for community (via Coalition) to provide input into that project*

COMMISSION VS. COALITION

CAREGIVER COMMISSION/COUNCIL

- Formal body requires participation of state government
- Purpose defined in law (mandate)
- Addresses broad caregiver needs

RESPIRE COALITION

- Community-based group determines its own structure
- Members determine mission, goals, activities, etc.
- Exclusive focus on Respite

- Opportunity for collaboration
- Can be a member of both

BENEFITS OF JOINING

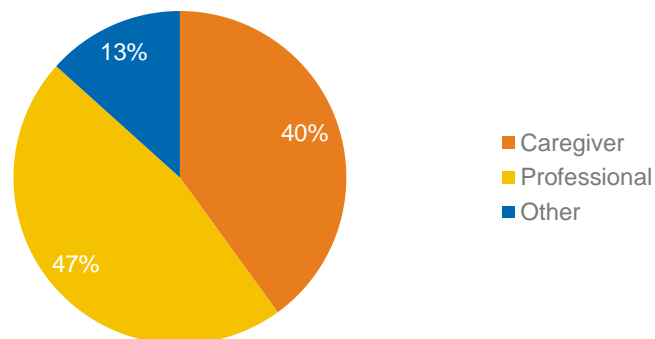
- Participate in improving quality or availability of services
- Power to take action on our own behalf
- Support the Caregiving Commission and other efforts
- Great opportunity for leadership development
- Serve as a voice of caregivers

WHAT YOU TOLD US

- **Sent to 130 on mailing list – 33 responses**
- **Tuesdays at mid-morning – best time slot to meet**
 - Thursdays next best day
 - Evening next best time
- **Most convenient location**
 - Southern region (e.g. Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles)
- **Vast majority ok with teleconferences**
 - Preference for call-in option for all mtgs!
- **6 are in need of Respite in order to attend meetings**
- **3 are in need of carpooling in order to attend meetings**

WHAT YOU TOLD US

I am a...

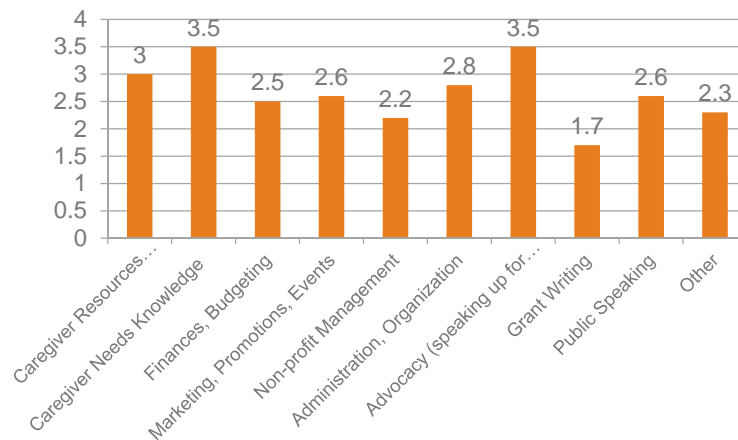


WHAT YOU TOLD US

Your Goals

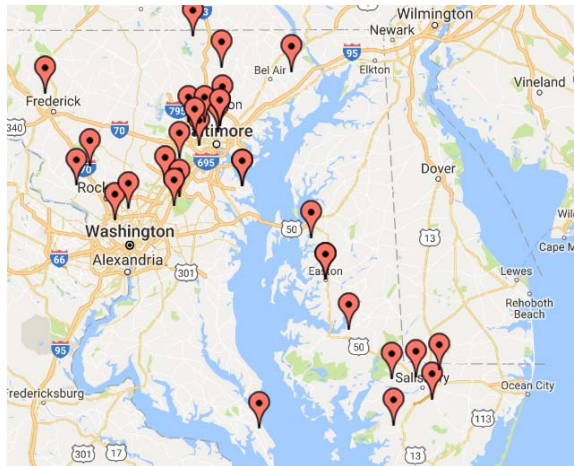
- **Networking**
- **Advocacy**
- **Filling the gap/Training**
- **Knowledge/Learning**
- **Connect to Resources**
- **Understand needs**

OUR STRENGTHS



WHAT YOU TOLD US

Where we're from



NEXT STEPS

- Schedule meeting for July
- Learn about Respite Care Coalitions
- Visit website

www.marylandrespitecoalition.org

