

## **Strengthening Caregiver Program Development: Technical Assistance to the Aging and Lifespan Respite Networks**

Two leading organizations in family caregiver support, *Family Caregiver Alliance* and *ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center*, have received funding from the U.S. Administration on Aging to work in partnership on a range of activities to offer support and technical assistance to the Aging and Lifespan Respite Networks for caregiver program development, including Lifespan Respite Programs.

Under this three year cooperative agreement, the Technical Assistance Centers will deliberate what is learned from the design and delivery of caregiver support and respite program development, translate this knowledge into practical tools needed by the Networks to keep pace with program and competency developments, and offer specialized technical assistance that matches program and training ideas to the Networks' capacities. The goals of this partnership are increased capacity, efficiency and effectiveness of caregiver and respite programs at state and local levels. These goals will be accomplished by the delivery of two robust websites offering national databases of respite programs and model caregiver support programs and materials; training materials, modules and workshops; specialized technical assistance through phone calls, emails and in-person communication; and other related activities to be determined based on information gathered from the Networks.

To learn more about the partnership, access training materials, receive specialized Technical Assistance for your program and practice and sign up for the Newsletter of the Technical Assistance Centers, please visit FCA at [www.caregiver.org](http://www.caregiver.org) or call 800 445 8106; and ARCH at [www.archrespite.org](http://www.archrespite.org) or call 703-256-2084.

*Established in 1977, Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) supports and assists caregivers through information, education, services, research and advocacy. Uniting research, policy and practice, and serving a diverse constituency, FCA programs support and sustain the important work of families and friends caring for loved ones with chronic, disabling health conditions. The National Center on Caregiving, established at FCA in 2001, works to advance the development of high quality, cost-effective policies and programs for caregivers in every state of the country.*

*The ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center has been providing training and technical assistance to States and local programs since 1990 with a mission to assist and promote the development of quality respite and crisis care programs; to help families locate respite and crisis care services in their communities; and to serve as a strong voice for respite in all forums.*

