MICHIGAN LIFESPAN RESPITE SERVICES RESOURCE ACT

Act 178 of 2004

AN ACT to provide respite care information resources; to establish a unified Michigan lifespan respite services resource network to disseminate community lifespan respite services information resources; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain departments of this state.

History: 2004, Act 178, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2004

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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333.26521 Short title.

Sec. 1.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Michigan lifespan respite services resource act".

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333.26522 Definitions.

Sec. 2.

As used in this act:

(a) "Caregiver" means an individual providing ongoing care for an individual unable to care for himself or herself.

(b) "Department" means the department of community health.

(c) "Director" means the director of the department.

(d) "Respite care" means providing short-term relief to primary caregivers from the demands of ongoing care for an individual whose health and welfare would be jeopardized if left unattended.

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Compiler's Notes: For creation of department of health and human services and abolishment of department of community health, see E.R.O. No. 2015-1, compiled at MCL 400.227.

333.26523 Michigan lifespan respite services resource network; establishment; purpose; duties.

Sec. 3.

(1) The director shall establish the Michigan lifespan respite services resource network within the department to develop and encourage statewide coordination of respite services and to work with community-based private nonprofit or for-profit agencies, public agencies, and interested citizen groups to engage in networking community lifespan respite services information resources.

(2) The Michigan lifespan respite services resource network shall do all of the following:

(a) Develop and distribute respite services information.

(b) Promote information exchange and coordination among state and local governments, community lifespan respite services programs, agencies serving individuals who need respite care, families of individuals unable to care for themselves, and respite care advocates to encourage efficient provision of respite services and reduce duplication of effort.

(c) Promote a statewide network of community lifespan respite services.

(d) Establish a respite care website and a toll-free respite care information hotline.

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