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Re-open the Respite Program

The Alzheimer's Respite Care Program is funded at \$2,294,388 for FY '11. Gov. Rell proposes \$1 Million in budget cuts and closed the program to new enrollees as of May 11, 2009.

Impact:

- 400 + individuals desperately await essential respite services
- Caregivers' and patients' health is in peril
- Bottom line cost to taxpayers if program is not restored: **Nursing Home Institutionalization**

The Respite Program saves \$50 million in **avoided** Title 19 Medicaid Nursing Home Costs annually and preserves jobs in the health care industry

It is a crucial part of the continuum of community-based care.

Keep line item funding and preserve full access for the Respite Program