

## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION FORM

*Please include only one recommendation on each form.*

**This form must be returned via e-mail to [katie.mulford@iowa.gov](mailto:katie.mulford@iowa.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday Nov. 27, 2007**

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**Each recommendation must fit into one of the following categories. Please check the appropriate box:**

**Education and training**

**Services and housing**

**Funding and reimbursement**

**Wellness and disease management**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We need to look at ways that we can expand the service of respite and the reimbursement for it.

**IN 250 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE INCLUDE COMMENTS, JUSTIFICATION, RESOURCES OR OTHER INFORMATION TO HELP THE TASK FORCE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR RECOMMENDATION.**

Respite for the caregiver of the person with AD is rapidly becoming one of the most important services we can offer. The well documented stress on caregivers that often results in the decline of their health before that of the person with AD can be eased with the provision of respite. In the more rural areas of Iowa, that service does not exist or can not be funded. Possibly there could be some funds designated to funding the expansion of respite or for the payment of respite when caregivers are unable to pay for it and the person with AD is not low income enough to qualify for the Elderly Waiver. The funding could be used to try respite and to supplement private funding for the service.