

National Family Caregiver Support Program

Description:

The National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging. The program is a collaborative effort among state units on aging and agencies on aging and the local community service providers. It considers caregivers' unique values and needs and strives to offer a range of services that enable caregivers easy access to the right services at the appropriate times. The major components of the NFCSP include: (1) information about available services, (2) assistance in gaining access to supportive services, (3) individual counseling, access to support groups, caregiver training, (4) respite care to provide caregivers temporary relief from their caregiver responsibilities and (5) supplemental services, which are offered on a limited basis and complement the care provided by caregivers. These services might include home modifications, assistive technologies and transportation. Priority consideration is given to those in the greatest social and economic need and to older individuals who provide care and support to children age 18 and younger with severe disabilities.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Must be a caregiver of an adult age 60 or older or of someone who is between the ages of 19 and 59 who has a disability and is being cared for full time by a relative caregiver who is not a parent. May also be a grandparent or relative caregiver who is at least age 55 and caring for a child 18 years of age or younger.
- The caregiver must be caring for a care recipient that has two or more activities of daily living limitations or a cognitive impairment to receive respite or supplemental services from the program.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

October 1 – September 30

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Related Information:

[*Grandparents as Parents Support Network \(GAPS\), refer to page III – 8*](#)

[*Grandparent Respite Fund, refer to page III – 4*](#)

[*Kinship Fund, refer to page III – 14*](#)

[*Subsidized Guardianship Program, refer to page III – 22*](#)

[*Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women's Infants and Children \(WIC\), refer to page III – 28*](#)