



NATIONAL CAREGIVER ADVOCACY COLLABORATIVE CHARTER

About:

The National Caregiver Advocacy Collaborative is a network of state and national interdisciplinary leaders, experts and influencers working together to identify and address the complex issues surrounding family caregiving across the lifespan, including their social, medical, physical, financial, spiritual, and emotional needs. We work to support families of origin(s) and families of choice(s) who are in need of information, referral services, educational outreach, and advocacy. The National Alliance for Caregiving serves this network by sharing our research and resources, providing content on social media and through an email listserv, and by sharing national level policy information.

Mission:

Our mission is to build an informed and effective interdisciplinary collaborative of dedicated individuals and organizations that builds upon shared experiences and expertise to improve the life of family caregivers **across the lifespan.**

Vision/Purpose:

Our vision is to elevate caregiving policy priorities that contribute to a national infrastructure that supports and improves the quality of life for all caregivers.

Big picture strategies:

We will create sustainable change by:

1. Increasing opportunities to build on caregiver-focused state-level policy implementation and expand efforts nationally.
 - **Short term goal:** Establish and publish a framework for a 50-State Strategy addressing the needs of caregivers on the community-level.
2. Establishing a community of advocates capable of guiding national-level policy which directly and explicitly impacts family caregivers.
 - **Medium range goal:** Support the efforts of the RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council (FCAC) by 1) ensuring policy focus addresses the needs of caregivers across the lifespan and 2) extend the sunset date of the Council.
3. Creating a national movement that addresses caregiving as a serious public health issue.
 - **Long-term goal:** Engage influencers in the public health sector who can elevate and prioritize issues involving caregivers of all conditions and backgrounds and expand the infrastructure of support across healthcare and social service systems.



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4. Guiding the development of an Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. focusing on and elevating current federal policy proposals.
 - **Ongoing goal:** The Collaborative will meet in-person for a policy summit on an annual basis which will educate policy makers on the Hill and within our networks on current policy proposals on the federal level and encourage increased support for existing legislation.

Policy Priorities:

The focus of our work will be specific to policy efforts that would impact one or more of the following domains:

- ✓ Expanding Caregiver Access to Supports and Services
- ✓ Investing in Caregiver Research and Evidence-Informed Practices
- ✓ Protecting the Financial Security of Caregivers
- ✓ Including Caregivers as a Vital Member of the Health and Human Service System
- ✓ Enhancing the Health and Wellness of Caregivers

Benefits of Participation:

In supporting this collaborative, NAC will facilitate and provide:

- Monthly meetings with like-minded colleagues working on the local, state and national level.
- Robust conversations with on innovative practice and policies involving family caregivers.
- Technical assistance from NAC staff and/or others in the collaborative in taking-action on legislative efforts directly and explicitly impacting caregivers on the national level.

For more information or to get involved:

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