



World Carers Conversation 2022
Call for Proposals
Submission deadline: March 13, 2022

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World Carers Conversation returns May 19, 2022 as a global, virtual event. Join innovators, researchers, policymakers, and carer advocates from around the globe to learn about advancements in the field, be inspired, and make connections that matter for the future of carers everywhere. This virtual summit will highlight innovations in caregiving research, practice and policy from around the world.

This free event will be made available to the public via Zoom and Facebook Live. The 2020 World Carers Conversation enjoyed participation of caregiving experts and stakeholders from six continents (Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, North America, South America) and fifteen countries (Australia, Canada, China, France, Ghana, India, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, United Kingdom, United States) with more than 4,000 attendees. Revisit highlights from the 2020 World Carers Conversation by viewing the 2020 highlight reel. [Watch highlights](#).

[Event Overview](#)

The National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) invites you to submit a session proposal for the 2022 World Carers Conversation, which will take place virtually, May 19, 2022, via Zoom and Facebook Live. Both live and prerecorded session opportunities are available.

Two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, care advocates around the world have experienced pressures on the health and social care systems in their nations, exposing unmet needs for millions of family caregivers worldwide. Beyond the urgent public health care needs that have resulted from and been exasperated by COVID-19, carer organizations continue to confront challenges around how families are included or excluded from care delivery models, the lack of incentives from regulators and payers to capture data on the caregiving experience, reimbursement and financing for care of and support to caregivers, and disparities between care experiences across nations.

As the uncertainty around the future of the global COVID-19 pandemic continues, support for carers remains critical. NAC is calling on global leaders, experts, influencers, researchers, policymakers,

innovators, and other stakeholders in caregiving to share their unique research, case studies, programs, interventions, and perspectives on the future of caregiving as part of this event.

Suggested Topics

Prerecorded and live sessions will be presented on a variety of topics relevant to caregiving and family-centered care for an audience of caregivers and allied researchers, clinicians, private and public health systems leaders, community organizers, advocates, and policymakers. NAC is seeking sessions proposals focused on the following three topic areas:

- **Promoting Mental and Emotional Health and Wellbeing**

Caregiving is a unique experience that may generate both joy and stress for carers. Too often, the demands of care and burdens faced by carers put them at an elevated risk for developing mental health disorders. Prioritizing carer mental health across the lifespan and care journey is a key piece to reducing the negative impact of caregiving on carer health, while promoting carer's capacity partner in care.

- Carer mental health risks and resilience
- Carer specific screening and assessment for use across settings and provider types
- Cross-cultural understandings of carer mental health and wellness
- Caregiving related grief and bereavement
- Innovative interventions and delivery models

- **Integrating Caregivers into the Healthcare Team**

Across care settings, carers lack formal and consistent roles on the care team and struggle to manage their care recipient's health needs with their own. Supportive infrastructure is needed to assist healthcare providers, payers and others with the incentives and information required to develop caregiver engagement standards with aligned business practices.

- Patient targeted services and support
- Caregiver targeted services and support
- Developing caregiver data
- Innovative referral and resource programs
- Caregiver integration in practice flows
- Reimbursement and aligning provider/health system incentives to support caregiving

- **Advancing Economic Security**

Most people should expect to provide or receive care at different points in their lives. Yet caregiving remains a significant financial stressor on households. Women, working carers, and those with poorer access to financial supports for care are especially impacted by the economic burden of caregiving. Innovative policy and infrastructure solutions are needed to address the economic stability carers require to manage their caregiving responsibilities and maintain their financial wellbeing.

- Evaluation of paid family and medical leave policies

- Home and community-based services programs
- Direct caregiver/family support programs
- Working carer issues
- Career and workplace supports

Sessions on the topics above may be organized in a variety of ways. Please consider the types of sessions below or another of your own design when developing your proposal:

Types of sessions

- Research Projects: Presentation of unique research.
- Quality Improvement Projects: Describe the full quality improvement process, including pre- and post- intervention outcomes.
- Clinical Vignette: Presentation of carer case to highlight the response of care team/intervention as well as an analysis of how learnings impacted care/practice guidelines.
- Success Stories: Present a case where a process, system, or intervention worked well and how learnings can be applied to other populations, settings, or related work.
- Other examples: unique uses of technology; nurturing skills development for carers; implementing a new program; leveraging unique funding/payment strategies; presenting lessons learned about a unique issue, population, or program; presenting unique public/private partnerships or other collaborations.

All sessions should follow one of the following formats:

- Lecture: Educational talk presented to an audience (20 minutes)
- Panel Discussion: Formal discussion by two to four panelists on one topic with a moderator (60 minutes)
- Workshop: Interactive session where activities engage audience feedback, learning and input (30 minutes)

Submission Guidelines

Proposals will be accepted electronically from **February 7 through March 13**. Up to (2) session proposals may be submitted by the same individual(s) and institution(s). Notification of proposal status will be sent electronically on **March 30** to the primary presenter email address indicated on your submission.

If a proposal is selected, the primary presenter of the session is required to do the following:

- Serve as NAC's point of contact;
- Work with their co-presenters and/or facilitator to develop a coordinated session;
- Submit an electronic file or link to any session handouts including slides; and
- Agree to present live or submit a recording of your session to NAC.

Changes to Proposals

NAC recognizes that it may be necessary to make changes to a session proposal after it has been submitted. All changes to proposals must be made in writing at the earliest possible date. Changes to a session's speakers or topics may necessitate review by NAC.

Review Criteria

NAC believes that innovation is enhanced by a variety of perspectives and our goal is to offer a diverse selection of sessions that represent caregiving innovation and expertise from across the globe. We invite participation from people of all races, ethnicities, nationalities, genders, ages, abilities, religions and sexual identities to submit a proposal. Each session proposal received will be reviewed by NAC staff using the following criteria:

- Unique voice/perspective;
- Timeliness of topic;
- Quality of presentation content (e.g. research design, data, care studies, analysis);
- Clarity and organization;
- Innovation of the idea or approach; and
- Importance and relevance to the field.

Presenter Timeline

NAC will update the following key dates to presenters as necessary.

Open Call for Proposals	February 7, 2022
Close Call for Proposals	March 13, 2022
Notification of decisions	March 30, 2022
Deadline to confirm presentation	April 6, 2022
Deadline to submit slides and bio(s)	April 27, 2022
Deadline to record session (if applicable)	May 2, 2022
Live event	May 19, 2022

Submit a Proposal

Submissions will be accepted online using a Google Form. Please submit each unique session as a separate entry. Individuals and institutions may submit up to (2) sessions.

All proposals must include:

- Primary presenter contact information;
- Session title;
- Session topic area;
- Proposed format;
- Session description (1-2 sentences); and

- Session abstract/overview (2-3 paragraphs).

In addition, you may include additional resources, research or other materials relevant to your session.

The Google Form can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3Lbtk2t>.

We hope that you will share your expertise, innovation and insight by presenting a session at the 2022 World Carers Conversation. Please contact Lauren Tokarewich, MLIS, Research Manager, at lauren@caregiving.org with questions.

About NAC

The National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) is a charitable non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. in the United States, dedicated to advancing the wellbeing of family caregivers nationally. NAC's mission is to build partnerships in research, advocacy, and innovation to make life better for family caregivers. Our work aims to support a society which values, supports, and empowers family caregivers to thrive at home, work, and life. As a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C., we represent a coalition of more than 60 non-profit, corporate, and academic organizations; nearly 40 family support researchers with expertise in pediatric to adult care to geriatric care; and more than 50 advocates who work on national, state and local platforms to support caregivers across the United States. In addition to our national work, NAC leads and participates in a number of global meetings on caregiving and long-term care, working closely with peer organizations in countries such as Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Hong Kong, India and Nepal, Ireland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Sweden, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom. Learn more at www.caregiving.org.

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