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This Week in Caregiving



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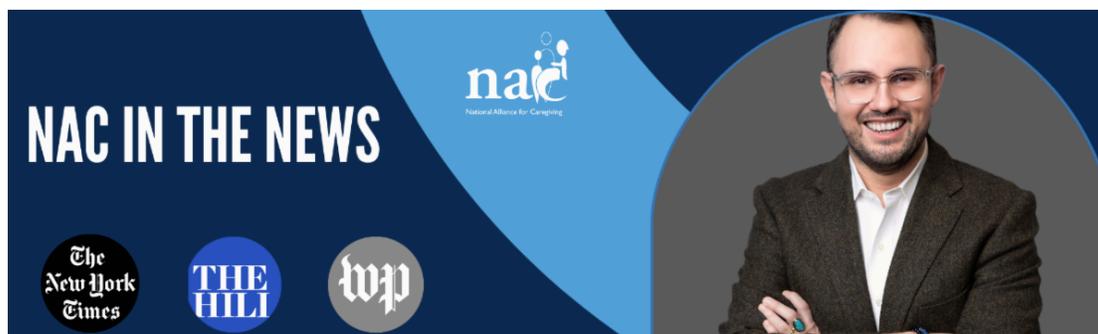
Hey there!

We know it's been a while since our last "This Week in Caregiving" newsletter. We're in the process of revitalizing this go-to-resource and making it even better to help you navigate the caregiver landscape.

To make sure the newsletter meets your needs, we'll be launching a short survey in April to understand your preferences. Stay tuned for more details!

In the meantime, we're excited to share updates from across the caregiving community.

The NAC Team



Our President and CEO, Jason Resendez, recently championed the need for robust care infrastructure in three major national media outlets.

- In the New York Times, we urged Congress to invest in our nation's care infrastructure by allocating robust funding for home-and-community-

based services, paid family and medical leave, and implementation of the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers. Read it [here](#).

- We penned a letter-to-the-editor in The Washington Post on the need for a stronger support system for transplant caregivers to address inequities in transplant care. According to Jason, “Combating the liver disease crisis requires a comprehensive approach that invests in both patients and their caregivers.” Read the full article [here](#).
- Jason teamed up with Nicole Jorwic of Caring Across Generations to publish an opinion piece in The Hill urging Congress to support America's growing community of youth caregivers. Read the op-ed article [here](#).



CAREGIVING IN THE STATE OF THE UNION

During this year’s State of the Union address, President Biden recognized the needs of family caregivers, underscoring his commitment to advancing care policies such as paid leave and investments in home and community services. We applaud President Biden for uplifting the role of family caregivers in our country and we look forward to working with the Biden-Harris Administration and Congress to ensure efforts continue to progress forward.

“Imagine a future with home care and elder care so seniors and people living with disabilities can stay in their homes and family caregivers get paid what they deserve!”

President Joe Biden
State of the Union 2024

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SPOTLIGHT: RARE DISEASE CAREGIVING

For #RareDiseaseWeek, we highlighted the critical role caregivers play in supporting the more than 30 million Americans living with a rare disease. This community faces daunting challenges, from limited access to treatments to financial instability. Despite these obstacles, they take immense pride in their contributions.



You can learn more about rare caregiving in these resources:

- Our report "Rare Disease Caregiving in America" developed with Global Genes: [**Rare Disease Caregiving | The National Alliance for Caregiving**](#)
- In December we partnered with Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc and other health care experts, patient advocates, and thought leaders to convene Rare Conversations, a health policy forum intended to shape the future of rare disease policy. Learn more about the recommendations in "[**A Vision for Rare Disease Policy**](#)" a report that summarizes the meaningful discussions raised during the conference.



NAC IS GROWING

We announced a significant expansion of our team, adding new staff and promoting a key leader to support the organization’s growing initiatives in research, communications, operations, and public health.

Welcome to the Team! 

<p>GEORGE KUEPPERS, PHD Senior Manager of Research</p>	<p>DAVISHA DAVIS Associate Director of Communications</p>
<p>JAMAR ROGERS Director of Operations</p>	<p>COURTNEY A. POLENICK, PHD, MS Health & Aging Policy Fellow</p>

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HR professionals:
Do your benefits include a **student debt repayment program**?

Women average **\$2K more** in student debt than men and take **2 years longer** to pay back their loans.¹

Learn more about the changing needs of the modern workforce at our **free webinar** on March 28.

[Click here to register.](#)

¹Danger in Debt: Women & Student Loans, AALM, 2021

NEW YORK LIFE

"Women's Wealth and Wellness: Elevating Equitable Wellbeing in the Workplace"

Join this webinar on **March 28th** to hear from nationally recognized leaders and wellness advocates as they talk about the programs and financial strategies that can better reflect women's needs, priorities, and expectations. It's an excellent opportunity to learn how organizations and financial professionals can create a more equitable financial future.

Featured Speakers:

- Jason Recendez, President & CEO, National Alliance for Caregiving
- Laurel Taylor, Founder & CEO, Candidly
- Jessica Ruggles, CVP, Financial Wellness Thought Leadership, New York Life

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DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY

State governments now have the opportunity to apply for new technical assistance opportunities to help expand, enhance, and strengthen their states' direct care workforce through collaboration, working with subject matter experts, and developing multi-disciplinary plans. These opportunities are being offered through our strategic partner, the Direct Care Workforce Strategies Center, led by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and funded by the Administration for Community Living.

Interested states should complete a brief online **Expression of Interest Application** by **8:00 p.m. ET on Monday, March 25, 2024.**

For more information, see [ACL.gov/DCWTA](https://acl.gov/DCWTA)

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