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December 13, 2024

 **Care Policy Alert**

**The Older Americans Act
Passes the Senate!**

*Now, it's time for the
House to take action!*

Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act Passes the Senate

On December 10, the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act ([S.4776](#)) officially passed the Senate! This is a monumental step forward in supporting our nation's caregivers and older adults. Thank you to the Senate champions, staff, and advocates who made this possible.

Read the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pension's [press release here](#).

We are not done yet, and we need your continued support. **We encourage you to take action and urge your Representative to vote in favor of the Older Americans Act before Congress adjourns.** This bipartisan bill advances key policies to protect vital services and supports for unpaid family caregivers that are the backbone of the nation's long-term care system.

TAKE ACTION

CAREGIVER NATION SUMMIT RECAP



Caregiver Nation Summit Recordings Now Available

For the second year, more than 600 caregiver advocates came together in-person and virtually to uplift the policy and culture change we need to truly value family caregivers.

The Summit showcased what's possible when leaders across the care economy unite with shared purpose. Recordings of the sessions are now [available on YouTube](#).

The momentum continued on November 21, when more than 100 advocates from 22 states took the movement directly to Capitol Hill. This work matters deeply because OAA reauthorization means continued vital support for more than 12 million older adults and their caregivers.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and stay tuned for more in 2025!

RECORDED SESSIONS

UPLIFTING CAREGIVERS



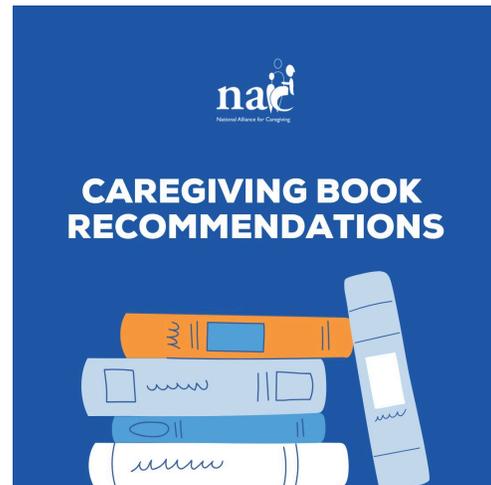
Increasing Vaccine Awareness Among Caregivers

As part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' *Do More. Risk Less.* campaign, NAC Programs Director Yadira Montoya, MSPH, highlights the vital role vaccines play in protecting family caregivers.

READ THE BLOG

The Best Books About Caregiving

Caring for a loved one can be both a profound honor and an emotional journey. In case you missed it, we curated a list of must-read books that delve into the challenges, joys, and societal importance of caregiving.



VIEW THE LIST

CAREGIVING IN THE NEWS

MARKET WATCH

Caregivers' retirement security – often jeopardized by time away from work – could get a boost from these proposals

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Caregiving can be a financial drain on family members. Want to get paid for it?

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MCKNIGHT'S HOME CARE

Medicare forges relationship with family caregivers

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MEDSCAPE

Transplant Centers Often Overlook Critical Role of Family Caregivers

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IN SICKNESS PODCAST

Patients and Caregivers in Focus

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JOURNAL OF THE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Caregiver Nutrition Training Services: Optimizing The 2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule to Meet Caregiver Needs

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UPCOMING EVENTS

REGISTER NOW for our live webinar!

Why Caregiver Input Matters in Defining Value in Healthcare

January 9, 3:00-4:00 pm ET

A line-art illustration in orange on a dark blue background. It depicts an elderly person sitting in a chair, being assisted by a caregiver who is leaning over them. The caregiver appears to be holding the elderly person's hand or adjusting their clothing. The style is simple and clean.

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Champions in Care Forum: Why Caregiver Input Matters in Defining Value in Healthcare

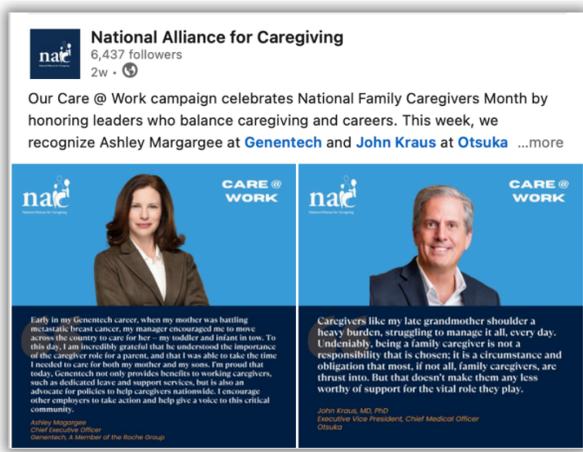
Hosted by NAC and the National Health Council

As the U.S. grapples with defining value in healthcare and medical interventions, there is growing recognition that integrating caregiver experiences and perspectives are vital to understanding a patient's disease or condition journey. Yet, how to identify and collect relevant data from family caregivers to inform medical interventions remains in nascent stages.

Join us for a discussion on the value and importance of caregiver experiences, the current gaps in understanding of what matters most to caregivers, and best practices for collecting this information to inform clinical, policy, and regulatory decision-making.

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