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June 11, 2025

RECOGNIZING PRIDE MONTH

Celebrating LGBTQ+ Caregivers

This Pride Month, we honor the resilience and advocacy of LGBTQ+ caregivers who provide critical care to partners, friends, and chosen family.

LGBTQ+ caregivers often navigate unique challenges from reduced access to culturally competent services to higher levels of economic insecurity. According to Caregiving in the U.S. 2020, 45% of LGBTQ+ caregivers report moderate to high financial strain, compared to 38% of non-LGBTQ+ caregivers.

As we push for more inclusive caregiving policies and programs, we uplift the voices of caregivers like Harold, who exemplify strength and compassion and advocate for systems that meet the needs of LGBTQ+ caregivers and their loved ones with dignity and equity.

Listen: Meet Harold, a primary caregiver for his mother, who had chronic adult leukemia. When a provider made him feel judged during a medical visit, Harold turned to his sister, a healthcare worker, who helped him find a more welcoming and attentive doctor. Though he didn't use patient advocacy groups during his caregiving journey, Harold believes they could have been helpful and emphasizes the importance of clear, targeted outreach to BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities.

Harold



CARE POLICY UPDATES

NAC Urges Senate to Reject House Budget Reconciliation Package

In our latest response, we sounded the alarm on the House-passed budget package that proposes deep cuts to Medicaid, HCBS, SNAP, and caregiver supports. If enacted, these cuts would unravel the care infrastructure that millions of families rely on every day. Read our [full statement](#).

NAC Responds to Proposed Medicaid Cuts and Policy Changes

In case you missed it: We also outlined a statement on why undermining Medicaid would harm caregivers, especially those in rural communities, people with disabilities, and families managing complex health needs. See [our response](#).

PBS Idaho Reports

Caregiver Advocate, Shannon French, discusses how the loss of Idaho's Family Personal Care Program under Medicaid will severely limit her ability to care for her two disabled children. [Watch](#) Shannon's story.

How Idaho Cares... | May 30, 2025 | Season 53, Episode 30 ...



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Otsuka + Columbia University Report

A new report from Columbia University, sponsored by NAC corporate member, Otsuka, finds nearly half of U.S. states are on the brink of a caregiving emergency. [See the findings.](#)



ASCO 2025

At this year's ASCO Annual Meeting, NAC Programs Director Yadira Montoya joined powerful conversations with members of our Cancer Caregiving Collaborative including Merck, EMD Serono, Sanofi, AstraZeneca, and Kite on the vital role of family caregivers in oncology. As Aicha Diallo of the Patient Empowerment Network noted, "As important as it is to center the patient, let us not forget about the care

partners, who are often making healthcare decisions with and for patients living with cancer.”



L to R: Anna Griffin of Kite, Yadira Montoya, Jason Sterne of Kite, and Cathy Ferrone of Kite

NASEM Workshop on Caregiver Interventions

NAC CEO Jason Resendez joined leading care experts at the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine to discuss how states and systems are valuing caregivers and embedding them in evidence-based health solutions.



L to R: Alison Barkoff of George Washington University, Jason Resendez, Peggy Maguire of the Cambia Health Foundation, Wendy Fox-Grage of NASHP

CAREGIVING IN THE NEWS

PBS NEWSHOUR

Jason joined PBS NewsHour to break down how budget proposals would make caregiving even harder for families. From harmful work requirements to HCBS cuts, the bill threatens those on the front lines of care. Watch the [full segment](#).

CBS NEWS

NAC's research and insights were featured in this powerful piece on the growing trend of youth caregiving amid Medicaid threats. [Read the article](#).

MOTHER JONES

NAC CEO Jason Resendez shared concerns about FDA's decision to limit access to Covid boosters for vulnerable populations, especially in-home caregivers. [Read the coverage](#).

GAO REPORT

A new GAO (Government Accountability Office) report echoes NAC's calls for HHS to clarify when youth may qualify for support services under federal caregiving programs. [Explore the findings.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

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Join NAC for a congressional briefing featuring powerful caregiver voices, expert analysis, and bipartisan momentum to build a future that centers caregivers in Medicare, Medicaid, and aging policy. **Speakers include:** Jason Resendez, NAC, Scott Bane, The John A. Hartford Foundation, Rachel Richards, Careforth, Bryn Ceman, GWAAR, Rachel Conant, Alzheimer's Association, Stephanie J. Monroe, The Wrenwood Group, Daniel Rutherford Wilson, NCOA (moderator). [RSVP.](#)

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