Who is eligible for National Family Caregiver Support Program services?

The following specific populations of caregivers are eligible to receive services:

- Adult family members or other informal caregivers age 18 and older providing care to individuals 60 years of age and older.
- Adult family members or other informal caregivers age 18 and older providing care to individuals of any age with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders.
- Older relatives, excluding parents, age 55 and older providing care to children under the age of 18; and
- Older relatives, including parents, age 55 and older providing care to adults ages 18-59 with disabilities.
What is an Area Agency on Aging?

Established under the Older Americans Act (OAA) in 1973, Area Agencies on Aging respond to the needs of Americans 60 and over in every local community.

By providing a range of options that allow older adults to choose the home and community-based services and living arrangements that suit them best, Area Agencies on Aging make it possible for older adults to “age in place” in their homes and communities.

What is the National Family Caregiver Support Program?

Established in 2000, the National Family Caregiver Support Program provides grants to states and territories, based on their share of the population age 70 and over, to fund a range of supports that assist family and informal caregivers to care for their loved ones at home for as long as possible.

Caregiving Statistics:

- In FY 2014, more than 700,000 caregivers received services through the National Family Caregiver Support Program.
- 88% of caregivers reported that National Family Caregiver Support Program services helped them be a better caregiver.
- Nearly 62% of caregivers indicated that without the services they received, the care recipient would be living in a nursing home.
- 74% of caregivers of program clients report that services enabled them to provide care longer than would have been possible otherwise.

What Services are available?

- Information to caregivers about available services in their area.
- Assistance to caregivers in gaining access to the services.
- Individual counseling to caregivers, organization of support groups, and caregiver training.
- Respite care; and
- Supplemental services, on a limited basis.

“There are only four kinds of people in this world - those who have been caregivers, those who currently are caregivers, those who will be caregivers and those who need caregivers.”

~ Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter