

The RAISE Act and the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers

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The Recognize, Assist, Include, Support & Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act - Overview

- Became law: Jan 22, 2018
- Three key components:
 - Family Caregiving Advisory Council
 - Exempt from FACA requirements
 - 15 non-federal members
 - ACL, VA, CMS plus cross-federal agency representation (HHS, CNS, Ed, CFPB)
 - First convened in August 2019
 - Three virtual, public meetings per year
 - Current council appointments end in September 2022
 - Initial Report to Congress (annual updates – TBD)
 - National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers (biennial updates)
- Annual appropriations - \$400K

The Initial Report to Congress



- Delivered to Congress on 9/22/21
- Disseminated publicly on 9/23/21
- Caregiver “[stories](#)”
[<https://youtu.be/PGvTOlwnoys>]

<https://acl.gov/RAISE/report>

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National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers

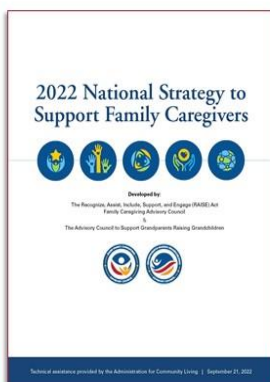
Grounded in five priority areas for action:*

- 1) Awareness and outreach
- 2) Engagement of family caregivers as partners in healthcare and long-term services and supports
- 3) Services and supports for family caregivers
- 4) Financial and workplace security
- 5) Research, data, and evidence-informed practices

* RAISE and Grandparent Advisory Councils

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One Strategy | Four Components



[2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/RAISE_SGRG/NatlStrategyToSupportFamilyCaregivers.pdf) - An overview and description of the strategy's goals and intended outcomes

[https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/RAISE_SGRG/NatlStrategyToSupportFamilyCaregivers.pdf]

[First Principles: Cross-Cutting Considerations for Family Caregiver Support](https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/RAISE_SGRG/NatlStrategyFamCaregivers_FirstPrinciples.pdf) -

Describes the four key principles that must be reflected in all efforts to improve support to family caregivers

[https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/RAISE_SGRG/NatlStrategyFamCaregivers_FirstPrinciples.pdf]

[Federal Actions](https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/RAISE_SGRG/NatlStrategyFamCaregivers_FedActions.pdf) - Nearly 350 actions that 15 federal agencies will take in the near term to begin to implement the strategy.

[https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/RAISE_SGRG/NatlStrategyFamCaregivers_FedActions.pdf]

[Actions for States, Communities, and Others](https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/RAISE_SGRG/NatlStrategyFamCaregivers_ActionsSCO.pdf) - More than 150 actions others can

take. [https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/RAISE_SGRG/NatlStrategyFamCaregivers_ActionsSCO.pdf]

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First Principles: Cross-Cutting Considerations for Family Caregiver Support

- Placing the family and person at the center of all interactions
- Addressing trauma and its impacts on families
- Advancing equity, accessibility, and inclusion for family caregivers in underserved communities
- Elevating direct care workers as family caregiving partners

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Casting a Wide Net

Public Engagement

- 2019: Two Requests for Information (RFI)
- 2020: 13 Focus Groups/80 participants
- 2020: Stakeholder listening sessions
- 2021: 17 Key informant interviews and 22 listening sessions with 145 stakeholder organizations:
 - State and local entities
 - Employers of all sizes and unions
 - Health and LTSS providers
 - Respite and community-based organizations
 - Faith-based
 - Philanthropies

Administration & Agency Engagement

- Federal agency membership on the council
- HHS Secretary participation in council meetings
- More than 350 commitments from federal agencies
- White House Domestic Policy Council briefings and meeting participation

Many Audiences & Intended Users

- States, tribes, and communities
- Community-based providers of long-term services and supports
- Child welfare agencies
- Health care systems
- Business leaders and employers
- Communities of faith/faith-based organizations
- National, state, regional and local philanthropic organizations and funders
- Academic institutions and researchers
- Advocates, family caregivers, care recipients, advocates, and the public

A Driver for Legislative and Policy Change

- Caregiver support and infrastructure development planning
- Funding streams and funding levels
- More universal adoption of caregiver assessments
- Expansion of LTSS options to include family caregivers
- Strengthen the direct care workforce
- Address the issues impacting family caregivers, including:
 - Expand availability of services and supports in key benefit programs
 - Employment and employer concerns
 - Negative financial impacts

What the Strategy is (and is not)

- A vision and roadmap for meaningful change;
 - It is not a timeline or “how to” document
- A baseline for action and progress;
 - It does not contain requirements or “musts”
- A framework for all family caregiving situations and experiences
 - It does not speak to specific care recipient conditions and needs
- Strategies for many stakeholder groups;
 - It is not exhaustive discussion of the possibilities
- The first National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers;
 - It is not the last

Resources for Implementation

Funded by: The John A. Hartford Foundation
National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP)

- National Alliance for Caregiving
- UMass Boston
- Community Catalyst

[The RAISE Family Caregiver Resource and Dissemination Center](https://www.nashp.org/the-raise-family-caregiver-resource-and-dissemination-center/)
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Looking Ahead

- Upon Release of the Strategy
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Social media, print and electronic media
- National Strategy [Public Comment Period](https://acl.gov/CaregiverStrategy/Comments) – October 1 – November 30, 2022
[\[https://acl.gov/CaregiverStrategy/Comments\]](https://acl.gov/CaregiverStrategy/Comments)
- NASHP and partners will:
 - Analyze federal actions to identify opportunities for collaboration and coordination of activities
 - Analyze public comments for use by next councils to update reports and the Strategy
- 2022 National Family Caregivers Month observation (November)
 - Presidential Proclamation
 - Social media and stakeholder engagement
 - Planning for new council appointments

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