

Mission

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for family caregivers in Arizona through collaborative partnerships, resources, and respite support.

Vision

Our vision is for Arizona family caregivers to have the hope and resources to overcome obstacles of care in urban and rural communities.

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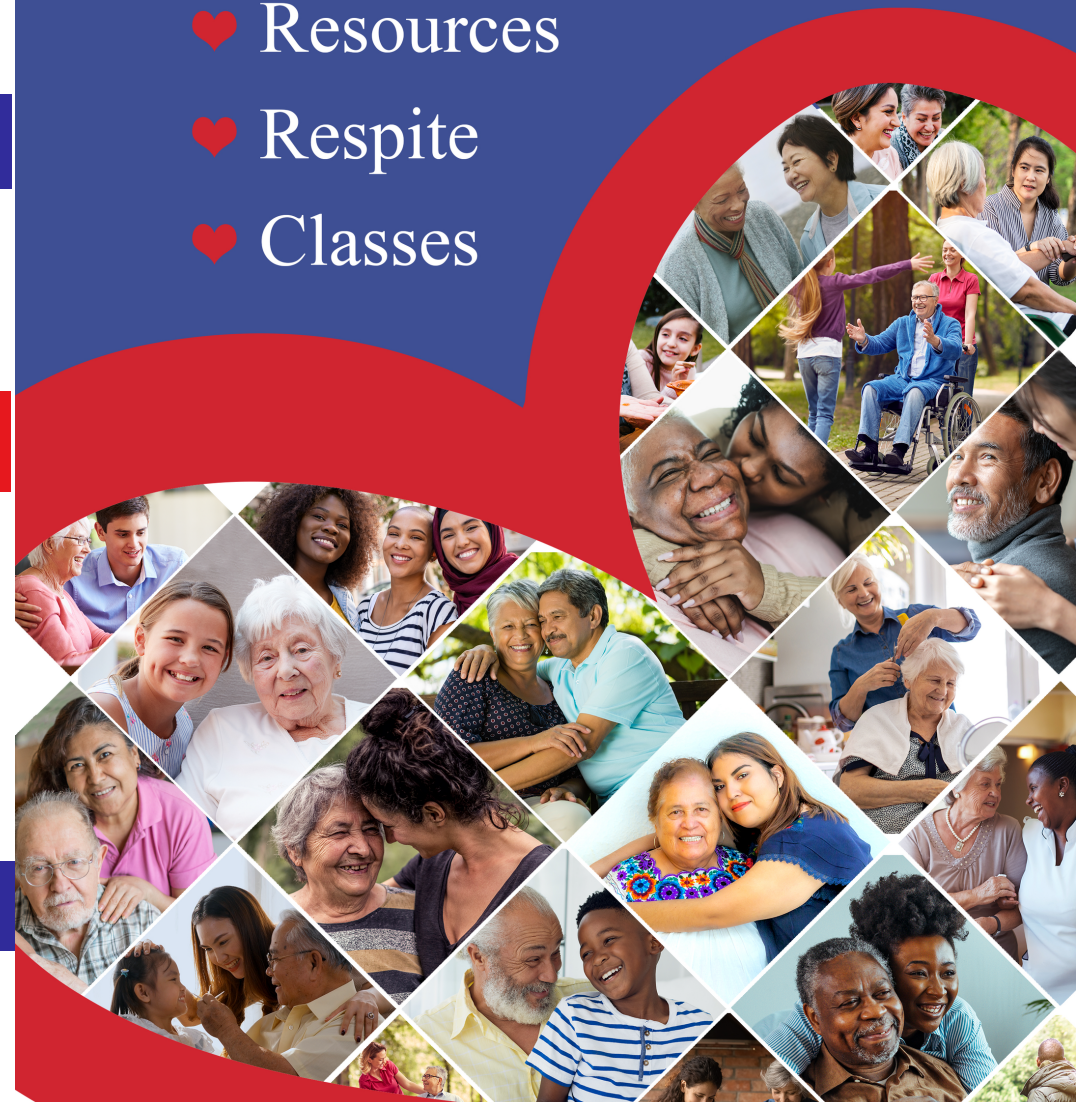
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Caregiver Resource Line

6,063 calls and emails received

The Arizona Caregiver Coalition Team helps with providing family caregivers with information and resources. Trained volunteers listen to caregiver's needs and finds the right resources to assist them on their caregiving journey.



Caregiver Respite

85 family caregivers received funding for respite

Family caregivers provide the majority of care for family members. These caregivers need respite to maintain their emotional and physical well-being. Caregivers who receive respite also have felt more confident in their caregiving duties. The Arizona Caregiver Coalition's Respite Program funds for respite through an Adult Day Health Center, In-Home Care Agencies, or hiring a friend or neighbor to provide respite.

Funding for these programs is through the Federal Administration for Community Living and Maricopa County.

Partners:

- Department of Economic Security, Division of Aging and Adult Services
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Maricopa County



Jeanne, caring for her husband:
"I didn't know I needed a break until I got respite."

Family Caregiver Reimbursement Program

61 Caregivers received reimbursement for home modifications/assistive technology

Funding is provided by the state of Arizona and administered by the by the Department of Economic Security, Division of Aging and Adult Services.

This program allowed family caregivers to purchase items such as:

Home Modifications:

- Shower/restroom remodel
- Ramps and installation
- Grab bars/safety rails and installation
- Stair/Chair Lifts and installation

Assistive Technology:

- Hearing Aids for Caregivers and or their family member
- Power scooters/chairs and maintenance
- Transfer benches/chairs and maintenance
- Denture Repairs



Advocacy

The Arizona Caregiver Coalition is leading a strategic planning effort to improve caregiving supports and services in Arizona.

Funding for this project was provided by Community Catalyst, Grantmakers in Aging.

Partners on this project include

- Ability 360
- Area Agencies on Aging
- DES - Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) - advisory
- Arizona Developmental Disability Planning Council
- Care 4 the Caregiver



Betty has been caring for her mom since her dad passed away in 2017. Betty works full-time, in addition to her caregiving duties. ***Betty would like to see more funding made available to family caregivers since caregiving can be a huge financial strain.***

Arizona Respite Network

The Arizona Caregiver Coalition convenes the Arizona Respite Network four times a year. The network is comprised of providers, community based-organizations, and state agencies who meet to exchange program updates and address the respite situations facing Arizona Family Caregivers.

During FY 22, the Arizona Respite Network:

- Awarded one mini-grant to an organization building their respite program
- Developed Emergency Respite Policies
- Began development of the provider lists with the Area Agencies on Aging.

Partners on the Arizona Respite Network:

1. Intertribal Council of Arizona
2. ADES Division of Developmental Disabilities
3. ADES Division of Aging and Adult Services
4. Pinal-Gila Council for Seniors
5. VA Be Connected Engagement Program
6. NACOG Area Agency on Aging
7. WACOG Area Agency on Aging
8. Area Agency on Aging Region 1
9. Alzheimer's Association - Desert Southwest Chapter
10. Raising Special Kids
11. SEAGO Area Agency on Aging
12. Pima Council on Aging
13. Benevilla
14. Oakwood Creative Care
15. Visiting Angels
16. La Posada Adult Day Health Center'
17. The Susan J Rheem Adult Day Health Center
18. FSL
19. Ability 360
20. Ryan House

Family Caregiver Day at the Capitol

March 3rd, 2022

97 individuals attended the virtual Family Caregiver Day

- Brendon Blake from AARP presented policy updates
- Brian Fischer from Livanta provided education on medicare rights
- The Susan J Rheem Adult Day Health Center was awarded the David Besst Award
- Libby Nedrow was awarded the Family Caregiver Special Recognition Award

Libby Nedrow, Family Caregiver Special Recognition



Yvonne Napolitano and Laura Dreibelbis, directors at the Susan J Rheem Adult Day Health Center, David Besst Award

Education for Family Caregivers

ACC offers a variety of classes free for Arizona Family caregivers. In 2022, we had the following classes and participation:

- CPR & First Aid Training: 23 participants
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers: 40 Participants
- 10 Emergency Respite Webinars

Royce has been caring for his wife, Laura, for the last 12 years. Laura has a number of medical conditions including heart conditions, high and low blood pressure, high hospitalization and surgery rates, and suffered a head injury that caused epilepsy.

Royce's message to fellow caregivers: "Stay true and take care of the one you love... take care of them and do the best you can."



Grants Awarded

- Lifespan Respite Grant, from DES/DAAS
- Maricopa County - Respite Support Grant
- AmeriCorps Grant - Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family