

Family Caregiver Support Program

Older Americans Act Title III E

Description

The California Department of Aging administers the Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP), funded by the federal Older Americans Act (OAA), through contracts with the network of Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). A12AA provides services directly, or through partnerships with other public or private agencies.

The OAA, through FCSP, seeks to provide a multifaceted local system of support services to (1) unpaid family caregivers of older adults, and (2) grandparents, or other older relatives, with primary caregiving responsibilities for a child.

FCSP Caregivers of Older Adults services include, but are not limited to:

- RESPITE CARE that provides caregivers with temporary in-home or out-of-home relief from caregiving responsibilities.
- SUPPORT SERVICES including caregiver assessments, counseling, support groups, and training.
- SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES that provide assistive devices, home adaptations, caregiver registry services, and emergency cash or material aid, on a limited basis, to assist with caregiving responsibilities.
- ACCESS ASSISTANCE includes information assistance, interpretation/translation, and legal resources for caregivers.
- INFORMATION SERVICES that provide public information and community education on resources and services available to current and potential caregivers and their families.

FCSP Caregivers of Child - Older Elderly Relative services include:

- SUPPORT SERVICES includes caregiver assessments, counseling, support groups, and training.
- ACCESS ASSISTANCE includes information assistance, interpretation/translation, and legal resources for caregivers.
- INFORMATION SERVICES that provide public information and community education on resources and services available to current and potential caregivers and their families.

FCSP services are designed to reduce caregiver burden, enable caregivers to remain in the workforce, and prevent or delay the need for a higher level of care for the care receiver.

Eligibility for FCSP services requires that an older adult's family caregiver must be 18 years of age or older.

Older care receivers must be age 60+, or individuals of any age with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction.

Grandparent or other older elderly relative caregivers must be age 55+.

Childcare receivers must be 18 years of age or younger, or individuals of any age with a disability. FCSP has no income requirement.

Eligibility

Income - No requirement

Age - Family caregivers of older adults must be age 18+.

- Older care receivers must be:
 - Age 60+, or
 - Individuals of any age with Alzheimer's disease or related disorder with neurologic and organic brain dysfunction.
- Grandparents, or other older relative caregivers of children, must be age 55+.
- Childcare receivers must be:
 - Children 18+ or younger; or
 - Individuals of any age with a disability.

Goal: to provide and link caregivers to essential services

Regulations and Requirements

See information provided below for a full description of services

Federal

- Older Americans Act (OAA) Part E Sections 371-374

State

- Service Categories Data Dictionary (July, 2025)
- [CDA Service Categories and Data Dictionary 2025](#)

Resources

- AARP
- Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging
- Alzheimer's Association
- California Area Agencies on Aging
- California Caregiver Resource Centers
- California Department of Health Care Services – Caregiver Resources
- Caregiver Action Network
- Family Caregiver Association
- National Alliance for Caregiving
- Toll-free Statewide Senior Information Line at 1-800-510-2020