

# National Caregiver Support Collaborative

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## Creating and Advancing Caregiving Research and Evidence (CARE) Network

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## ACL Funding Announcement: Advancing Aging Network Capacity to Recognize and Support Family, Kinship and Tribal Caregivers

Goal: “Advance the capacity of the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP – OAA, Title III-E) and the Native American Caregiver Support Program (NACSP-OAA, Title VI-C) to better recognize and support family caregivers.”

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## ACL Cooperative Agreement Awards

Goal 1: Increase awareness of and outreach to family caregivers

Community Catalyst

Goal 2: Advance partnerships and engagement with family caregivers

University of California, San Francisco

Goal 3: Strengthen services and supports for family caregivers

USAging

Goal 4: Ensure financial and workplace security for family caregivers

University of Southern California

**Goal 5: Expand data research, and evidence-based practices to support family caregivers**

**National Alliance for Caregiving**



## The Creating and Advancing Caregiving Research and Evidence (CARE) Network – GOAL 5

**OBJECTIVE 1:** Develop a diverse and inclusive research network (The CARE Network)

- **OUTCOME:** Increased research partnerships between research entities, aging services, disability services, and family caregiver support providers
- **PRODUCT:** Knowledge sharing webinars and peer-networking "Project infrastructure, Steering Committee, Family Caregiver CAB, NAC Learning Collaborative

**OBJECTIVE 2:** Develop a research agenda that synthesizes existing caregiving research initiatives

- **OUTCOME:** Increased access to and development of evidence-based/informed interventions for family caregivers among NFCSP/NACSP entities
- **PRODUCT:** Research agenda aligned with national strategy



## The Creating and Advancing Caregiving Research and Evidence (CARE) Network – GOAL 5

**OBJECTIVE 3:** Develop a learning program to increase awareness and capacity to engage in/support caregiving research related to service and intervention delivery

- **OUTCOME:** Increased capacity to engage in caregiving research among NFCSP/NACSP entities
- **PRODUCT:** Implementation guides, webinars, peer-to-peer learning opportunities

**OBJECTIVE 4:** Centralize uptake of consistent measures on family caregiving and evidence-based interventions

- **OUTCOME:** Increased uptake of approaches for developing data systems with consistent data sets and measures among caregiving researchers, aging services, disability services, and family caregiver support providers
- **PRODUCT:** Resource hub with common measures, caregiving data, interventions and capacity-building resources



## Objective 4: Centralize uptake of consistent measures on family caregiving and evidence-based interventions

### Identifying Common Data Elements in Caregiving Research

- 8 National, State, and Local Studies identified (e.g., HRS, NHATS, NSOC, ATUS 2021, BRFSS 2021, Long-term Care Poll 2021, Caregiving in the U.S. 2020)
  - Meta-data from each (i.e., survey questions related to caregiving research) synthesized into abstraction table
  - Abstraction table under review to identify recommended measures

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## Identifying Common Data Elements in Caregiving Research

Environmental Scans to identify common data elements in published literature

- Three literature searches (e.g., tribal, grandfamily/ kinship, and all other caregivers)
- 17,000 articles identified so far
- Title/Abstract screening and extraction underway



## Identifying Common Data Elements in Caregiving Research

### Surveys Administered to Caregiving Researchers and Service Providers

- 75 service providers (Area Agency on Aging staff focused on community-based caregiving services including respite services) recruited; 75 caregiving researchers recruited
- Questions related to sources of common data elements in caregiving researchers included in the survey
- Responses to be cross-referenced with results from environmental scan to produce data matrix of recommended common data elements in caregiving research, eventually to be published on ACL NCSC website



THANK YOU

