

CAREGIVER

NATION

SUMMIT



November 19-21 in Washington, D.C.

Recognition of America's 53 million caregivers - and the issues impacting them - has never been greater. While progress has been made, it's not enough to meet the growing needs of family caregivers across the nation. Now is the time for unified action to make caregiving more sustainable, equitable, and dignified.

- **Educate and Advocate:** Hear from the nation's leading voices on care and equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to effectively advocate for change with policymakers.
- **Raise Visibility:** Shine a spotlight on the often-invisible work of family caregivers and the value of their contributions to our healthcare system, economy, and communities.
- **Build Community:** Foster collaboration and partnerships to drive action on our National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers.

The Caregiver Nation Summit is more than a conference; it's a catalyst for change on our country's first ever **National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers**. It's a platform for *caregivers, advocates, policymakers, and movement leaders* to come together to shape the future of care

Day 1

Invite-Only (10 states)

- *Sharing wins & ideas*
- *The power and art of storytelling*

Day 2

Summit

*National Strategy to
Support Family Caregivers*

Day 3

Hill Day

*Reauthorization of the
Older American's Act*



Day 1



Day 2 – The Summit



From Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (New Mexico) to CMS's Dr. Meena Seshamani and Senator Edward Markey (D-MA) - speakers delivered a resounding message - caregiving is truly our common ground..

Care at the Crossroads: Shaping the Future of Caregiving in a New Political Landscape



Judy Woodruff
Senior
Correspondent
PBS News Hour



Ai-jen Poo
President; National
Domestic Workers
Alliance



Maria Town
President and CEO;
American Association
of People with
Disabilities



Steve Schwab
CEO; Elizabeth
Dole Foundation



Lelaine Bigelow
Exec Dir; Georgetown
Center on Poverty
and Inequality

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHLIGOABvZ8&list=PLqooqFM D2JDsSNai8JCNe8rGPymVEVHcR&index=3>

Caregiver Nation

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UTAH DELEGATES

- Libby Oseguera
- Rebecca Utz
- Jennifer Morgan
- Echo Warner
- Meghan Hebdon-Thomas
- Schola Matovu
- Lee Ellington

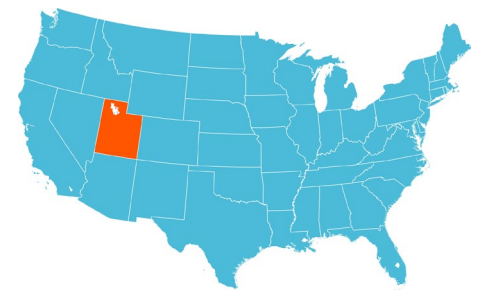
Disability | Veterans | Dementia
| Rural | Young/Youth Caregiver |
Grandparents | Church/Clergy
| Mental Health

Caregiving is our
Common Ground



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES
Blake Moore - Burgess Owens

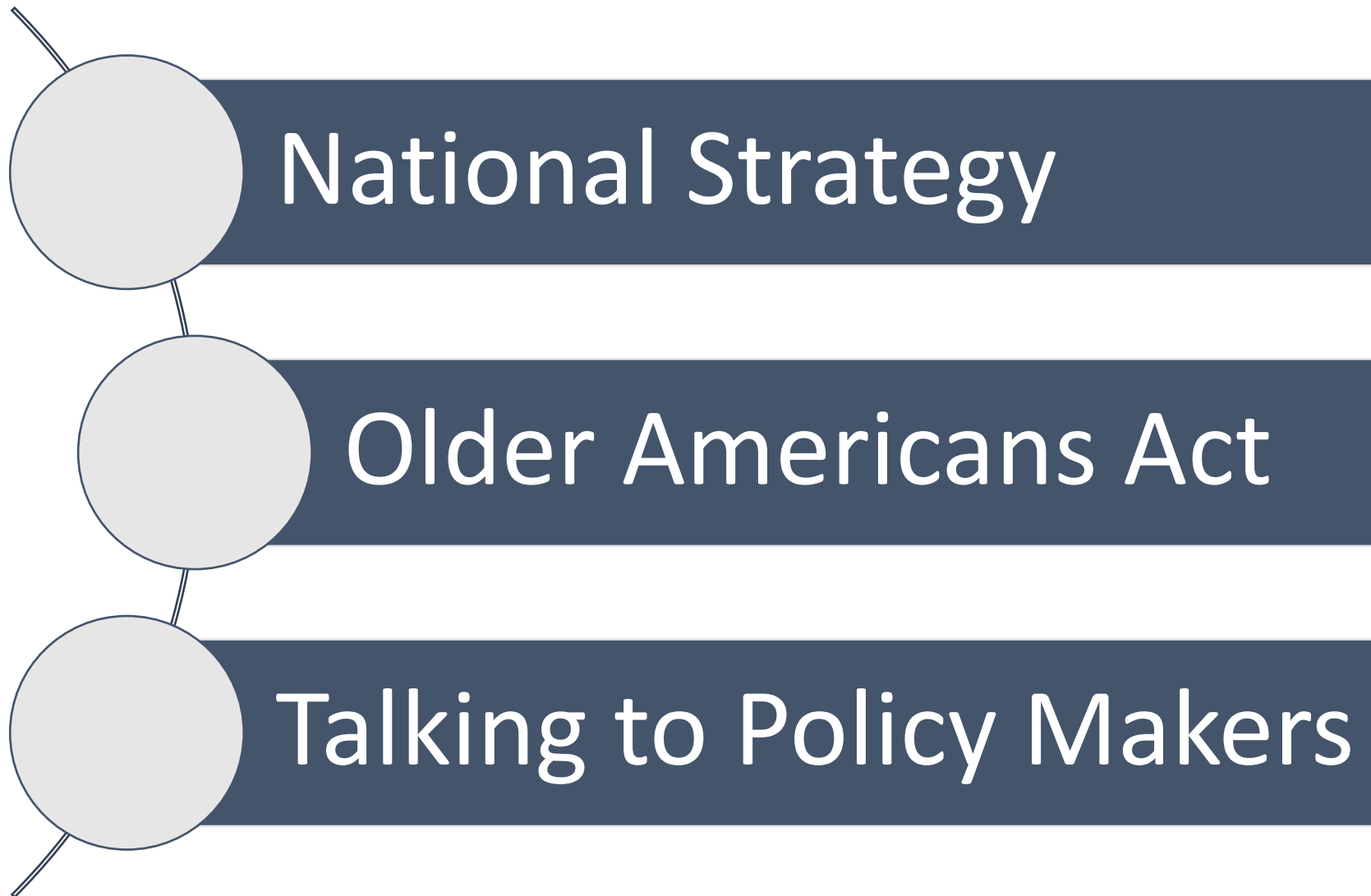
SENATE
Mitt Romney - Mike Lee



Outcomes of Hill Day

- A bipartisan House resolution recognizing National Family Caregivers Month
- Prior to Thanksgiving recess, the Senate HELP Committee announced plans to advance the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2024 (S. 4776) to the full Senate.

Senate leadership will conduct a hotline poll to gauge support for considering the bill with an amendment reflecting negotiations between the Senate and the House. If there is agreement, the bill will move to the full Senate for passage before being sent to the House, likely through an expedited process. Alternatively, it could be included in a larger year-end legislative package.



National Strategy

Created to support family caregivers of all ages, from youth to grandparents, and regardless of where they live or what caregiving looks like for them and their loved ones.

Developed by the advisory councils created by the [RAISE Family Caregiving Act](#) and the [Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act](#), with extensive input from the public, including family caregivers and the people they support.

- 350 actions from 15 federal agencies
- 150 actions for states, communities, and others

Reference

[2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#)



First Principles: Cross-Cutting Considerations for Family Caregiver Support

- 1. Person- and family-centered approaches:** As the U S builds a system of coordinated and inter-related responses to the needs of family caregivers, it is important that family caregivers themselves—not the needs of systems or providers—remain the focal point of each encounter
- 2. Trauma and its impact:** The experience of trauma, in the lives of caregivers and the people they support—including decades-old traumas—has an impact on the caregiving journey in ways that must be proactively addressed
- 3. Diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility:** While there are limited systems of support for family caregivers, the difficulties and impacts of caregiving are not equally distributed. Caregivers who represent unserved and underserved and/or marginalized communities frequently experience greater physical, emotional, and financial challenges associated with caregiving
- 4. The direct care workforce:** Even though the Strategy focuses on family caregiving, the well-being of the nation's 4.6 million professional caregivers (also known as direct care workers, direct service workforce, direct service providers, etc.) directly influences the ability of family caregivers to provide long-term support (PHI, 2018). Only through the development of a robust, well-trained, and well-paid direct care workforce can we ensure family caregivers and those they support have access to reliable, trusted, and affordable paid supports and assistance when and where they need it.

2024 Report to Congress

Progress Report: Federal Implementation
of the 2022 National Strategy to
Support Family Caregivers



From the:
Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage
Family Caregiving Advisory Council
and the

Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren



As of today, nearly all these actions have been completed or are in progress, and federal agencies have committed to almost 40 new actions since the strategy's release.

Reference

[2024 Federal Progress Report \(sept 2024\)](#)

Family caregiving had a “political moment” this election cycle.



"I will support a tax credit for family caregivers who take care of a parent or a loved one," Trump said during an October speech at New York's Madison Square Garden.

"It's about time that they were recognized, right?" he said. "They add so much to our country and are never spoken of ever, ever, ever, but they're going to be spoken of now."

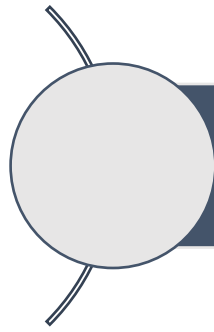
Caregiving

The Momala Economy: The candidate caregivers have been waiting for

Kamala Harris has long advocated for paid leave, child care and long-term care for older adults and people with disabilities.





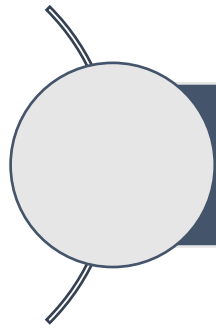


Older American's Act

- Passed in 1965 in response to concern by policymakers about a lack of community social services for older persons.
- Established the Administration on Aging (AoA) to serve as the federal focal point on matters concerning older persons and to administer a grant program to states (federal \$ given to states to develop and administer aging-related community planning, social services, research/development, personnel training, and elder rights protection).
- Created national network of 56 state agencies on aging, 618 area agencies on aging, nearly 20,000 service providers, 281 Tribal organizations, and 1 Native Hawaiian organization representing 400 Tribes.

2024 Reauthorization

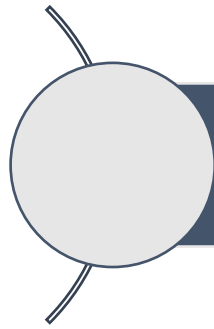
Importance of OAA to Family Caregivers



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What is the role of advocacy in research?



Q&A | Discussion