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Department of Aging

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Kinship Caregivers

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RISE Family Caregiver Act

- Became law on Jan. 22, 2018 (met in August 2019)
- Develop a national family caregiving strategy
- Family Caregiving Advisory Council
 - Effective models of family caregiving
 - Effective models of support to caregivers
 - Improving coordination across federal programs

Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

- Develop a report that includes best practices, resources, and other useful information for grandparents /older relatives raising children
- Report due within 6 months (group met for the first time in August)
- Report update in 2 years

Older Americans Act

- Title III-E – a.k.a National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP).
- Kinship caregivers are eligible
- Older relatives (not parents) age 55 and older providing care to children under the age of 18

Innovative Solutions

- AAA1 Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio
 - Kinship Meals (Pilot)
- AAA9 and 11
 - Schools

Supporting BOTH caregiver and Child

- Need to support the FAMILY
- Caregiver example – Kinship conference

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