Caregiver Task Force

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Our Why

• Growing and diverse needs of caregivers
  • AAA’s reliance on formal and informal caregivers
  • Approximately 1.5 million family caregivers in Ohio provided an estimated 1.27 billion hours of care to their parents, spouses, partners, and friends in 2017. The report estimates the value of this care to be $16.8 billion (2019 report from AARP).
  • Approximately 61 percent of caregivers still work. Of those working caregivers, 60 percent work full-time (AARP 2020 Report: Caregiving in the U.S).

• Experts in local caregiver services and supports
• A state-wide approach to caregiving
• Opportunities with health plans
Task Force Members

• Made up of twenty members, representing all twelve Area Agencies from across the state.
• Experts in local caregiver services and supports.
• Subgroup of task force formed to focus on an existing Health Plan Opportunity.
Timeline of Work

- **Nov. 2021**: Initial Discussions
- **Dec. 2021**: Completion of AAA Caregiver Inventory
- **Jan. 2022**: Dive into caregiver resources, services, programs that are being used or could be used (Trualta, Active Daily Living, T-Care, Powerful Tools, BRI)
- **March 2022**: Work group formed to focus on health plans’ interest in advancing caregiver support
Foundational Overview

• Older Americans Act (OAA)
  • Caregiver inventory included the OAA five allowable categories.

• Strategic Area Plan (SAP)
OAA Overview

• Information To Caregivers About Available Services
• Assistance To Caregivers In Gaining Access To The Services
• Individual Counseling/Organization of Support Groups/Caregiver Training
• Respite Services
• Supplemental Services, On A Limited Basis
Information To Caregivers About Available Services

- Newsletter: 8
- Website: 10
- Caregiver Books: 7
- Coordinate Support Online Resources: 5
AAA
Caregiver
Inventory
Data

Supplemental Services On A Limited Basis

- Home Mod.
- Durable Medical Equip.
- Emergency Response
- Home Delivered Meals
- Legal Assistance
- Transportation
- Kinship
Inventory Findings

• AAAs are different in the way they utilize their funding to support the needs of caregivers.

• Graphs demonstrate those services and supports that are most prevalent among the AAAs.

• With those services and supports being carried out, it was noted that there is much variation from one AAA to another (i.e., funding utilized, arrangements, method, qualifications of staff, IT platform utilized, etc.).

• It was acknowledged that case management has many different levels, costs, platforms used, and meanings associated with the service.

• Data collected served as a foundation for the task force.
Opportunity with a Health Plan

Pilot a caregiver service within an existing statewide care transitions program.

A focus on the following key areas:

- Identification
- Screening
- Referral
- Local Services and Supports
- Extended Support
- Outcomes