



Title III-E Family Caregiver Support Program Description and Eligibility

4011 FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT:

The Family Caregiver Support Program provides multi-faceted systems of support services for family caregivers, including access information; assistance; individual counseling, support groups and training; respite; and supplemental services.

4011.1 FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM:

- The funding source for the Family Caregiver Support Program is Title III-E of the Older Americans Act (OAA). 1
- No more than 10% of Title III-E expenditures can be used for supportive services to relative caregivers (grandparents age 60 or older and relatives age 60 or older) of children age 18 or younger. 2
- No more than 20% of Title III-E may be used for supplemental services.

4011.2 POPULATIONS SERVED BY THE FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Populations served by the Family Caregiver Support Program include adult family caregivers, or another individual who is an informal provider of in-home and community care for the following older adults:
 - The care recipient defined as an older adult, 60 years of age and older; and
 - The care recipient defined as an adult, 60 years of age or older, has two or more activities of daily living (ADL) limitations, or a cognitive impairment, or functional dependency for the caregiver, to be eligible for respite or supplemental services.
- Populations served include grandparents or step-grandparents, 55 years or older (or relative caregivers by blood or marriage) of children 18 years and younger who:
 - live with the child;
 - are the primary caregivers of the child because biological or adoptive parents are unable or unwilling to serve as the primary caregivers of the child; or
 - have a legal relationship to the child, such legal custody or guardianship, or are raising the child informally.
- Priority for services shall be given to older adults with greatest social and economic need (with particular attention to low-income older adults and older adults providing care and support to persons with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities (as defined in Section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, 42 USC 6001).

1 Older Americans Act, Section 303 (e) (1)

2 Older Americans Act, Section 304 (d) (1) (A)