

For More Information
On the Family Caregiver
Support Program
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Family Caregiver Support Groups

A list of support groups is
available through the Butler
County Area Agency on Aging.
Visit the website at
www.co.butler.pa.us or contact
the office directly.



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***Mission:** The Area Agency on Aging strives to help Butler County residents who are 60 years of age and older, live independent lives.*

***Administration:** Beth Herold, AAA Administrator
Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging
State oversight: Pennsylvania Department of Aging*

Legal mandates: AAA is required through the following agencies and legislation to deliver services to the elderly in a coordinated manner, utilizing all community resources in an effort to avoid duplication and ensure comprehensive county-wide coverage:

- Federal Administration on Aging
- Pennsylvania Department of Aging
- Older Americans Act
- Pennsylvania Act 70

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The Butler County Area Agency on Aging is a community service agency that administers programs and services for Butler County residents, age 60 and older. The core objective of the Agency is to provide information and services to help Senior's remain independent in the community for as long as possible.

What is FCSP?

The Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) responds directly to the needs of families caring for their relatives at home. The purpose of the program is to reinforce, not replace, the care being provided to the aging relative. Caring for an elderly relative in the home can be a stressful, time consuming, and sometimes costly experience. Caregivers often feel alone, however, sources of help inside and outside of the family can provide needed relief from caregiving responsibilities. The program provides specialized benefits counseling and caregiver education linking caregivers to available community services and support.

Who is eligible?

Persons age 60 or older or persons under age 60 who have a primary diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or Alzheimer's related disease, and has a primary caregiver. The caregiver must assist the elderly family member with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, grooming, transferring, toileting and feeding.

What Does the Family Caregiver Support Program Offer?

When family members care for an older relative, they are often overwhelmed by the demands on their time, energy and finances. The FCSP offers services to meet the needs of both the older person and the caregiver. A care manager assesses the needs of the family and develops a service care plan to meet the various needs. The program focuses on allowing the caregiver to choose the services they need most to care for their loved one. The care manager provides support, care management, benefits counseling and assistance in applying for local, state and federal programs.

The FCSP assists eligible families with financial reimbursement of the cost of respite care services, medical and incontinence supplies not covered by insurance, home modifications, and assistive devices.

Caregiver education is provided through videos, books, pamphlets and other materials pertaining to the specific needs of the caregiver and care receiver. An Alzheimer's Disease specialist is available to meet with the family.

Caregiver Services

The FCSP can directly or indirectly provide the following services to family caregivers. However, caregivers may not be eligible for all of the services listed.

- Assessment of the Caregiver, Care Receiver and Home Environment
- Assistance with Completion of State and Federal Applications
- Consultation with Rehabilitation Specialist or Registered Nurse
- Education and Training Related to Basic Caregiving Duties
- Limited Financial Assistance for Supplies and Services
- Limited Financial Assistance for Home Adaptations and Assistive Devices

Benefits Counseling

Information on the following services is provided through the specialized benefits counseling portion of the program.

- Area Agency on Aging Services
- Local Community Services
- Federal and State Programs
- Medigap Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Disease Specific Information
- Other Health and Social Services
- Referrals to Respite Care Services
- Support Groups

The Butler County Area Agency on Aging provides services to eligible individuals without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, political affiliation, disability, familial status, military service, or religious, community or social affiliations.

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