

Dear Colleague:

This letter is to transmit the Administration on Aging's (AoA) Resource Guide to the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP). The Guide has been designed to offer practical information to help the aging network, i.e. State Units on Aging (SUAs), Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), service providers (SPs), and Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs), implement the new program. It features implementation strategies and approaches, based on current research and practice, that network staff may consider in carrying out the NFCSP.

The Guide is based on input from the September NFCSP Conference, a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of aging network representatives and researchers, issue briefs commissioned by AoA, state site visits, the AoA NFCSP listserv, and an extensive literature review. It has been thoroughly reviewed by the TAG, a number of other outside reviewers, and AoA staff.

AoA is posting an electronic version of the Guide on our website at <http://www.aoa.gov/carenetwork> so that it will be immediately available. This letter transmits hard copies to SUAs, AAAs, ITOs, and selected national aging organizations. Each Guide includes a CD containing print-ready contents of the Guide to be used to make low cost copies for others. I encourage SUAs and AAAs to work together to make copies available to all service providers in their state. I also encourage national organizations representing service providers to make copies for their constituent agencies. We need to make sure that this document is available to all staff who are delivering caregiver support services at the local level.

We welcome your feedback on the Guide, as well as on new developments that are not reflected in the Guide.

Sincerely,

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