NAC Applauds the New RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council and the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

On July 27, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) held a <u>public meeting</u> to swear in the new RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council and the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. The new advisory council members will build upon the work of the first cohort of council members tasked with developing the <u>2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers (National Strategy)</u> and will develop the first update to the National Strategy, which will be <u>delivered</u> next year.

"The appointment of this new council represents an important step forward in recognizing and addressing the diverse needs of family caregivers across government, states, and in the private sector," said Jason Resendez, President & CEO of the National Alliance for Caregiving. "We applaud the leadership of the Biden Administration and ACL to drive action on the National Strategy and we look forward to continued progress in support of the millions of Americans who keep our communities, economies, and families going through their care."

The National Alliance for Caregiving has been a long-time advocate for the need to drive implementation of a national strategy that results in meaningful improvements in the lives of America's growing community of family caregivers. That is why earlier this year, NAC launched the Act on RAISE campaign to drive implementation of the actions outlined in the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers. The campaign brings together nearly 100 organizations across the caregiving continuum (aging groups, patient advocacy groups, disability groups, and caregiving groups) to strengthen the federal-level coordination and leadership needed to address the needs of family caregivers.

Momentum continues to build in support of family caregivers, including new executive actions and rulemaking in support of the health and wellness of paid and unpaid family caregivers. And it is expected that by fall of 2023, ACL will award \$20 million in new funding to support implementation of the National Strategy. As we approach the one-year anniversary of the release of the National Strategy in September 2022, NAC stands ready to work alongside its campaign partners, congress, and the administration to build on this historic foundation.

Get involved and learn more about the developments regarding the national dialogue on family caregiving advocacy and policy issues by joining the <u>Act on RAISE campaign</u>.

About The National Alliance for Caregiving

Established in 1996, the National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) is a national membership-based organization focused on building health, wealth, and equity for family caregivers through research, innovation, and advocacy. We envision a society that values, supports, and empowers family caregivers to thrive at home, work, and life. Learn more at https://www.caregiving.org.