REFERENCES


FOOTNOTES

1. Under the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act which created the NFCSP, states are allowed to use up to 10% of their total Federal and non-Federal share of NFCSP funds to provide support services to older relative caregivers. Caregivers may be grandparents, step-grandparents, or relatives by blood or marriage of children aged 18 or younger with whom they are living and for whom they serve as primary caregiver. Such caregivers must be aged 60 or above, and may either have legal custody or guardianship of the children in their care, or be raising them informally.

2. In programs, policy and research documents, the terms “grandparent caregiver” and “grandparents raising grandchildren” often are used as generic references which include great grandparents, aunts and other relatives raising children, in addition to grandparents. In keeping with this convention, the term “grandparent” sometimes is used in this paper in reference to the broader category of relative caregivers.

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