

California Caregiver Resource Centers Budget Request of \$12M for Next Three Years

COVID-19 has increased family caregiver responsibilities and amplified caregiving burdens. Added stressors have hit all caregivers hard and hit Black and Latino communities even harder. Extending the CRCs augmentation of \$12M per year for the next three years (to June 2024) will allow them to continue expanding personalized, compassionate, and evidence-based services to family caregivers, more than half of whom work outside the home in addition to working as unpaid caregivers at home.

The request will allow the CRCs to increase the number of family caregivers receiving services and expand their capacities to develop and implement a statewide diversity and inclusion corps to focus on underserved caregiver groups (English language limited, ethnically diverse, young, LGBTQ and those who provide complex care).

As California continues to promote home- and community-based care through the Master Plan for Aging and waiver programs, the importance and needs of family caregivers will only continue to expand. Alzheimer's and other dementias that increase in an aging society require healthy and capable caregivers to provide competent care.

Governor Gavin Newsom
Members, California State Legislature

Re: Caregiver Resource Centers Budget Ask - SUPPORT-\$12M for Next Three Years

The undersigned individuals are unpaid family caregivers and individuals who support family caregivers in their communities throughout California. Each strongly supports strengthening the Caregiver Resource Centers (CRCs) to increase their impact on California's 4.7 million family caregivers who provide \$63 billion in unpaid labor to keep loved ones in their own homes, delaying or avoiding nursing home placements.

Thank you for your support of the California Caregiver Resource Centers (CRCs).

Sincerely,