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|   | AFCSP<br>Alzheimer's Family & Caregiver<br>Support Program   | NFCSP<br>National Family<br>Caregiver Support   |
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| Funding Source                          | State of Wisconsin GPR<br>State and GWAAR distribute funds to counties   | Federal AOA Program- State distributes funds to each Area Agency on Aging (AAA). GWAAR distributes funds to counties in its service area  |
| Maximum Annual Allocation Per Applicant | \$4,000, but agencies may set a lower maximum service level in order to serve more families.<br><i>Actual service payment</i> is based on care needs.  | None in federal policy, but local agencies often set their own limits. Participants are normally limited to 112 hours of respite per year.<br><i>*(Waived during the COVID-19 Pandemic)</i>   |
| Eligibility Requirements                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diagnosis of probable irreversible dementia: Alzheimer's, vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, Parkinson's and other diseases that include dementia, irreversible MCI, etc.</li> <li>2. In-home, or can be used to provide caregiver respite and supplemental services for people living in a CBRF, RCAC or Independent Living arrangement. (Cannot pay room &amp; board)</li> <li>3. \$48,000 max gross income of person &amp; spouse</li> <li>4. Not simultaneously enrolled in NFCSP or a Medicaid LTC program.</li> <li>5. No asset test</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has significant cognitive or mental impairment or requires help with two or more activities of daily living</li> <li>2. Resides in a home setting (not facility)</li> <li>3. Care recipient is age 60 or older – or has Alzheimer's or other dementia, <i>any age</i></li> <li>4. Grandparents and relatives age 55+ who are primary caregivers for children younger than age 18.</li> <li>5. No income or asset test</li> <li>6. Priority is given to low-income individuals and those with a diagnosis of dementia</li> <li>7. Available to caregivers of all older adults aged 60+. Limited services available if the care recipient is enrolled in Family Care or another LTC program.</li> </ol> |
| Use of Funds                            | <p>Authorized by <a href="#">DHS Chapter 68</a></p> <p>Examples of program use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case management or service coordination</li> <li>• In-home respite/companionship</li> <li>• Adult day care</li> <li>• Advocacy and legal assistance</li> <li>• Supportive home care - Help with personal care, bathing, medication monitoring/ chores</li> <li>• Safety improvements/ equipment</li> <li>• Caregiver training, including personal cares</li> <li>• Overnight respite in a facility</li> <li>• Specialized transportation and escort</li> <li>• Caregiver counseling and therapeutic resources</li> <li>• Community outreach and education</li> <li>• Crisis intervention</li> <li>• Protective placement or guardianship</li> <li>• Any other goods and services necessary to maintain the person with Alzheimer's at home</li> </ul> | <p>Authorized by <a href="#">Older Americans Act, Title III</a></p> <p>Information and assistance to caregivers about available services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-home respite/companionship</li> <li>• Adult day care</li> <li>• Help with personal care, bathing, medication monitoring and chores</li> <li>• Home safety improvements/equipment</li> <li>• Caregiver training: incl. personal cares</li> <li>• Overnight respite in a facility</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Costs to attend or provide support groups</li> <li>• Other services as agreed by caregivers and the agency</li> <li>• Community outreach and education</li> </ul>   |

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| Fund Dispersal  | The maximum allocation for each family is determined using DHS eligibility worksheets. Payments require receipts. Agencies may pay a service agency directly or reimburse program participants or the primary caregiver/ representative for pre-approved expenses.   | Services must be pre-approved by the administrative agency in advance in order for goods and services to be purchased using NFCSP funds. Payments to service providers are usually made monthly, but other timeframes are allowed.   |
| How to Refer    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, DCS, caseworker, medical staff, family member, friend....</li> <li>• The AFCSP Coordinator will assess eligibility, complete enrollment paperwork, and work cooperatively with case managers from other programs and dementia care specialists</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, DCS, caseworker, medical staff, family member, friend....</li> <li>• The AFCSP and NFCSP coordinators should meet regularly to determine the appropriate program for enrollment and maximize the number of families served by each program.</li> </ul>  |
| Details to note | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If all funding is allocated in a given year, a waiting list may be created to serve families if funding becomes available in the future.</li> <li>• Once enrolled in AFCSP, a person remains in the program until officially disenrolled by the AFCSP Coordinator (for reasons such as death, facility placement, switch to Family Care, NFCSP, becomes ineligible due to income, etc.)</li> <li>• The AFCSP Coordinator may apply for NFCSP on behalf of clients who have needs that surpass their maximum program allowance under AFCSP. (assuming there are sufficient NFCSP funds remaining)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respite care is limited to 112 hours per calendar year. (Jan.-Dec.)<br/><i>*(Waived during the COVID-19 pandemic.)</i></li> <li>• Before requesting NFCSP funds for a person with dementia, case managers should check with the AFCSP Coordinator to see if there are funds available through AFCSP, and if so, whether the person is eligible for AFCSP.</li> <li>• Best practice is to enroll a person with dementia in AFCSP first rather than NFCSP. If a family is eligible for AFCSP but funds are unavailable, they may enroll in NFCSP but should also be added to the AFCSP waiting list.</li> </ul> |
| Other Resources | <p><b>Alzheimer’s &amp; Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin and Alzheimer’s Association</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free family consults/ planning, etc.</li> <li>• Home visits</li> <li>• Caregiver support groups</li> <li>• Information &amp; referral</li> <li>• Caregiver training</li> <li>• Workshops &amp; support group for persons in early stage of Alzheimer’s or memory loss</li> <li>• Professional training</li> <li>• 24-hour toll-free helpline</li> <li>• Resource library of books &amp; videos</li> </ul>  | <p>See <a href="#">GWAAR Website</a>, <a href="#">DHS Website</a> and <a href="#">Wisconsin’s Family Caregiver Support Programs Website</a> for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy information</li> <li>• Caregiver support group toolkit</li> <li>• Caregiver marketing toolkit</li> <li>• Caregiver resources</li> <li>• WI Family &amp; Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA) information</li> <li>• Caregiver recognition &amp; support events</li> </ul>  |