

## Using NFCSP Funds to Support the Work of Caregiver Coalitions

Being part of a Caregiver Coalition is a requirement of the National Family Caregiver Support Program, thus, using NFCSP funds is allowable, as long as it supports one of the five minimal service requirements:

1. Information about available services
2. Assistance in gaining access to services
3. Education about caregiving-related topics
4. Respite care
5. Services that complement the care provided by caregivers

Keep in mind that funding for coalition activities should come from other coalition partners as well.

### Examples of allowable expenses:

- Expenses related to a coalition-sponsored conference, event or presentation for family caregivers such as:
  - Speakers
  - Books or other resources *related to caregiving* for attendees
  - Food
  - Respite
  - Transportation to conference

\*\*Information about NFCSP services must be provided to all attendees
- Marketing materials that educate people about caregiving or inform people about caregiving-related resources:
  - Brochures, flyers, banners, etc.
  - Newsletters or other print media
  - Radio, TV or social media ads

\*\*Can't be used for advertising your agency(ies)
- Expenses related to coalition projects that directly benefit caregivers such as
  - Items needed for "caregiver kits"
  - Materials to create bookmarks, placemats, communication cards, etc.
  - Materials for educational purposes – support groups, memory cafes, etc.
- Expenses associated with dementia friendly communities and educating employers about caregiving issues

*This is not an exhaustive list. Please contact GWAAR if you have questions.*