

Lindsay Institute News Service: News for and about caregivers

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[Caregiving in the U.S. 2020 Report Released](#)

By: The National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) and AARP

The 2020 update reveals an increase in the number of family caregivers in the United States of 9.5 million from 2015 to 2020. Family caregivers now encompass more than one in five Americans. The study also reveals that family caregivers are in worse health compared to five years ago. As the demand for caregiving rises with an aging population, there is an opportunity for the public and private sectors to work together to develop solutions to support family caregivers and those under their care. [Read more...](#)

[Study Highlights Paid Caregiving Gaps and Needs for Community-Dwelling Adults With Dementia](#)

By: The National Institute on Aging

Home health aides, personal care attendants, and other paid caregivers can augment support from family caregivers to help people with dementia live safely at home and in the community. But a recent NIA-funded study showed that only one in four community-dwelling individuals with dementia

received paid care, underscoring the need to make it more accessible. [Read more...](#)

[COVID-19 Hits Veterans Homes, VA Says New Home-Care Program Still Months Off.](#)

By: Quil Lawrence, NPR

Since 2011 the VA has helped caregivers with a stipend, but only for Iraq and Afghanistan vets. In 2018 the VA MISSION Act promised to expand to veterans of Korea and Vietnam, and eventually all veterans who need it.

But who needs it? The VA finally announced its highly technical answer to that question in March after a two-year wait. Anyone with at least a 70% disability rating from the VA can apply. It's now available to veterans disabled by illness, not just injury. [Read more...](#)

[RCI Announces Exciting Partnerships to Support Military and Veteran Communities](#)

By: The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving

At a time when many Americans are feeling isolated and disconnected, the Rosalynn Carter Institute is proud to partner with Caregivers on the Homefront, RallyPoint, and the American Red Cross Military and Veteran Caregiver Network (MVCN) to expand outreach to caregivers. Through these three exciting partnerships, RCI will provide virtual programming and tools to empower caregivers who support service members and veterans across the United States and around the world. [Read more...](#)

[What Do Family Caregivers Need? MIT Asks Them](#)

By: Deborah Quilter, Next Avenue

MIT's AgeLab recently launched its CareHive survey of nonprofessional caregivers, typically family members of loved ones needing assistance. CareHive researchers routinely ask their 900+ members, mostly from around the U.S., what they need and what they're experiencing. That way,

AgeLab can better create tech products, services and supports to meet the needs of the caregivers and the people they assist as well as to improve public policy. [Read more...](#)

'Heightened Challenges': How the Pandemic Impacts Caregivers

By: Medical News Today

Some of the factors contributing to poorer mental health among caregivers in this period are:

- an increased sense of isolation and reduced access to official sources of support due to physical distancing measures
- increased financial strain
- delays or cancellations in formal primary care services for themselves and their loved ones

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