Changing Systems, Changing Lives

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Learning Objectives

1. Explain the story behind the Care Act and its impact in Pennsylvania.

2. Describe one of the newest trends in caregiving, known as ‘financial caregiving’ and its relationship to enhancing the quality of life for all as we age.

3. List the leaders in supporting older people Pennsylvania are and how can we collaborate across sectors to insure successful outcomes.
AARP

• AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age.
• With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment.
• AARP also produces the nation's largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin
SeniorLAW Center

• Independent non-profit organization founded in 1978
• Serving over 5,000 seniors each year with:
  • direct individual representation
  • legal advice, information & referral services
  • community legal education
  • professional training
  • systemic advocacy locally, regionally and nationally
• Legal staff and pro bono panel
• Focus on those in the greatest economic and social need
• All services are free
• Only PA nonprofit dedicated wholly to protecting the legal rights of older people
• Five regional offices in 2018
2018 Demographics

Clients SeniorLAW Center has served in Pennsylvania
What are the issues?

Data is compiled from the 3,765 clients SeniorLAW Center served in Pennsylvania in 2018.
Pro Bono Project for Community Impact Partnership

- Identify priority issues
- Impact the lives of older Pennsylvanians
- Innovate solutions
Philadelphia Pro Bono Partners

Duane Morris
Penn Law
Blank Rome LLP
Dilworth Paxson LLP
T Law
DLA Piper
Comcast
Systemic Advocacy

Address challenges through research, reform, and education
The CARE Act

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AARP’s *Home Alone* Report

AARP PPI surveyed 1,677 family caregivers and found:

- Family caregivers perform complicated medical/nursing tasks and medication management
- Training is limited
- Most care recipients do not receive home visits by health professionals
- Performing medical/nursing tasks may prevent institutional placement
- Quality of life is affected

The CARE Act

The purpose of the CARE Act is to ensure that hospitals include the caregiver in discharge planning and provide necessary training

• **Provision #1: Designation**
  • Record the name of the family caregiver upon admission

• **Provision #2: Notification**
  • Contact the family caregiver(s) prior to discharge to another facility or home
  • Sets a time limit prior to discharge or transfer
The CARE Act

• **Provision #3: Consultation**
  • Hospital consults with caregiver on discharge plan, taking into account the caregiver’s capabilities and limitations
  • Discharge plan includes contact information for necessary health and community resources

• **Provision #4: Training**
  • Hospital gives caregiver the opportunity to receive instruction on all after-care tasks included in the discharge plan to be performed by the caregiver
  • Caregiver gets opportunity to ask questions
Website and Caregiver Story Collection

www.aarp.org/caregiving
Current Project

Adapting the CFPB’s Managing Someone Else’s Money - Financial Caregiver Guides for use in Pennsylvania

- Caregivers need support:
- When they are thrust into the role of caregiver
- When they are confronted with the realities of a family member or a loved one dealing with issues of incapacity
- We want to be there when it is appropriate
Our goal is to help you know what is important as a financial caregiver

• Do you know what you can do to help manage a loved one’s finances when they are ill?

• Do you know how to identify her best interests?

• Can you help make sure they have the best Medicare Part D Plan each year?

• Do you know what federal or state benefits she may be eligible for?

• Do you know the most common scams or what financial exploitation looks like?
Questions?

What can we do together to move forward?

Next Steps...
Resources


• www.aarp.org/caregiving

• www.consumerfinance.gov/managing-someone-elses-money

• https://eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx
Thank you!

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