



The national resource for the support of children who are caring for chronically ill, injured, elderly, or disabled family members.

Support Family Caregivers



[Joint Caregiver COVID Statement](#)
[Caregivers Statement](#)

AACY is supporting caregiving youth during COVID-19
www.aacy.org

Breaking the Cycle of Health Disparities:
The Essential Inclusion of Caregiving Youth

New Study from the National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP
Reveals the Growing, Yet Hidden Population of Children Caregivers

caregiving.org

Florida Caregiving Youth News

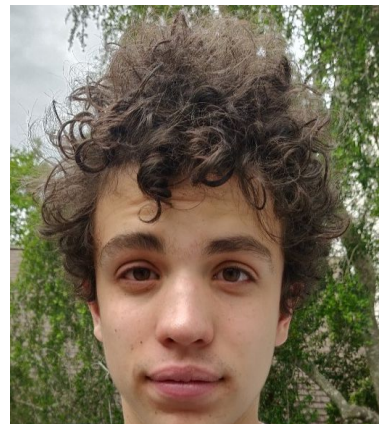
Every two years, the Florida Department of Health, under the auspices of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) conducts a Youth Risk Behavior Survey among middle and high school students. For the first time in the USA, a caregiving question was included. Among FL public high schools, the results revealed that 23.6% of middle school students and 16.4% of high school students are doing some type of caregiving. This translates into more than 290,000 youth who report doing some type of caregiving for a family or household member who has a chronic illness, a disability or is a frail elder. During that same time period, there were 95,000 children of all ages who were homeless and 19,000 children of all ages in foster care.

The full report is available at www.floridahealth.gov

In the News and Raising Awareness!

No Barriers Virtual Summit from Fort Collins, Colorado was held on June 26-27. Connie Siskowski, RN, PhD, and Ann Faraone, EdD., took part in the No Barriers Summit by presenting "The Role of Caregiving Youth within the Family or Household of Someone with Diverse Abilities." Learn more here: <https://www.nobarriers.live/>

May 20th Connie Siskowski, RN, PhD was on Artist First Radio Network with Harriet Tramer. Topic: How teen caregivers are coping with the stress they are experiencing during the health crisis. <http://www.artistfirst.com/tramer.htm>



Corona Bad Hair Challenge organized by Callan Baruch of Chapel Hill NC. Put your bad hair to good use! Post a pic of your own socially distanced coif to raise awareness, or donate at gofundme.com

Class of 2020 Graduation Celebration!

We were excited to host our first virtual Graduation Celebration

National Caregiving News

A report released last month from the National Alliance for Caregiving

honoring our 2020 graduates. We are happy to announce we had a 100% graduation rate this year, with 95% going on to post-secondary education! Some of the highlights included...Learning of our graduate's future plans.

- Hearing to our guest speaker, Eric Kelly, President of Quantum Foundation, amazing speech on his caregiving experience.
- Listening to one of our current CYP student's beautiful song that he wrote and performed.
- Announcement of starting an AACY Alumni Club.
- Jeff and Susan Firestone, longtime supporters of AACY, challenged our kids to a game of Trivia with Echo Dots being the prizes.



news segment 1

Jonathan Gutierrez of Boca Raton was one of 56 high school seniors who are also Caregiving Youth and members of the Caregiving Youth Project (CYP) of the American Association of Caregiving Youth (AACY).

[Project Graduation Deliveries](#)

Thank you Debralyn Belletieri for organizing countless donors, volunteers, and community partners to keep the "party" going. Deliveries were made to each graduate in the Caregiving Youth Project of personalized items, signs, caps/gowns, photographers, and letters of encouragement!

in conjunction with AARP has documented that the numbers of both adult and caregiving youth have significantly increased:

- There are 53 million adult family caregivers
- There are 48 million family caregivers of adults
- There are more than 3.4 million caregiving youth who assist adult family caregivers in the USA (so there is another caregiver in the home).

The full report, Caregiving in the US 2020 is available at www.caregiving.org

You Shop Amazon Gives



Please consider signing up for the American Association of Caregiving Youth.

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support AACY by selecting it as your charitable organization. Sign up today at smile.amazon.com

Transforming the Lives of Caregiving Youth

A Difference Maker for a Caregiving Youth and His Mom!

Mom was disabled after a car accident several years ago. A fall down her porch resulted in two surgeries and ongoing mobility inabilities. Her son joined AACY's Caregiving Youth Project. A home visit to reduce stress discovered the need for a ramp. Thanks to the work of Anramp and donations from our generous community including the Town of Palm Beach United Way, LEEDS Endowment, Roxanna Trinka, a former Caregiving Youth, and others, this young man now has needed help! He is no longer alone in his caregiving journey.

Thank You!

During this time of limited in-person fundraising, we extend our special appreciation to five foundations whose recent grants are helping AACY accomplish its goal of improving the lives of caregiving youth and their families. They are:

- Boca Rio Foundation
- Community Foundation
- Leslie L. Alexander Foundation
- The Jim Moran Foundation
- The Mutual Fire Foundation

Mom was disabled after a car accident several years ago. A fall down her porch resulted in two surgeries and ongoing mobility inabilities. Her son joined AACY's Caregiving Youth Project. A home visit to reduce stress discovered the need for a ramp. Thanks to the work of Amramp and donations from our generous community including the Town of Palm Beach United Way, Leeds Endowment, Roxanna Trinkka, a former Caregiving Youth, and others, this young man now has needed help! He is no longer alone in his caregiving journey.

These are some of the reasons that AACY so appreciates your ongoing support.

Save the Date!

Visit www.aacy.org for all your entertainment needs. We have had several virtual events, including Bingo, a 5K, and a Sip Paint Smile event.

Join us Friday, July 10th at 7:00 PM for a Facebook Live Event

Facebook Live Event @AACargivingYouth

Friday, July 10, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

\$10 includes a Bingo Card for 5 Games

Cards will be emailed.

You do not have to have a Facebook account to participate.

You can play electronically or print our your card.

If you print out cards, have coins or beans available to cover numbers.

If you play on your phone, you will need a 2nd device to view game.



[Register and pay here](#)

