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	AFCSP Alzheimer's Family & Caregiver Support Program	NFCSP National Family Caregiver Support Program
Funding Source	State of Wisconsin GPR State and GWAAR distribute funds to counties	Federal AOA Program- State distributes funds to each Area Agency on Aging (AAA). GWAAR distributes to counties within its Area.
Maximum Annual Allocation Per Applicant	\$4,000, but agencies may set a lower maximum service level in order to serve more people. <i>Actual service payment</i> is based on care needs.	None in federal policy, but local agencies often set their own limits. Participants are limited to 112 hours of respite per year.
Eligibility Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diagnosis of probable irreversible dementia: Alzheimer's, vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, Parkinson's with dementia, Pick's disease, mixed or undetermined dementia, etc. (Mild cognitive impairment is insufficient) 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. (not room & board) 3. \$40,000 max gross income of person & spouse. 4. Not simultaneously enrolled in NFCSP or receiving caregiver respite through COP /Waiver, or Family Care. 5. No asset test. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has significant cognitive or mental impairment or requires help with two or more activities of daily living 2. Resides in home setting (not facility) 3. Care recipient is age 60 or older – or has Alzheimer's or other dementia, <i>any age</i>. 4. Not simultaneously receiving assistance through AFCSP, COP/Waiver, IRIS or Family Care. 5. No income or asset test, but priority is given to low-income individuals and those with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia.
Use of Funds	<p>Authorized by DHS Chapter 68 (For more detail http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/dhs/68. Some things included are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management or service coordination • Intake and assessment • Information and referral • In-home respite/companionship • Adult day care/ Adult family home • Advocacy and legal assistance • Supportive home care - Help with personal care, bathing, medication monitoring/ chores • Safety improvements/ equipment • Caregiver training: incl. personal cares • Overnight respite in a facility • Specialized transportation and escort • Caregiver counseling and therapeutic resources • Housing and energy assistance • Community outreach and education • Crisis intervention • Protective payment or guardianship • Any other goods and services necessary to maintain the person with Alzheimer's at home. 	<p>Authorized by Older Americans Act, Title IIIIE http://www.aoa.gov/AoA_programs/HCLTC/Caregiver/index.aspx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and assistance to caregivers about available services • In-home respite/companionship (112/hrs/yr.) • Adult day care • Help with personal care, bathing, medication monitoring/ chores • Home safety improvements/equipment • Caregiver training: incl. personal cares • Overnight respite in a facility • Transportation • Costs to attend or provide support groups • Other services as agreed by caregivers and the agency • Community outreach and education <p><i>Limits</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplemental services cannot exceed 20% of the grant expenditures. • No more than 10% of the NFCSP allocation can be spent on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – Check your manual.

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Fund Dispersal	Maximum allocation is determined using DHS worksheets. Payments based on invoices and receipts. Can pay service agency directly, or reimburse program participant or their primary caregiver/ representative for approved expenses. Administrative costs limited to 10% of grant	Apply for funds in advance of receiving services. Services must be approved in order to be paid using NFCSP funds. Payments to service providers are usually made monthly.
How to Refer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworker, medical staff, family member, friend.... • AFCSP Coordinator will assess eligibility, complete paperwork, and works cooperatively with other case managers to meet caregiver and patient needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone may refer: ADRC staff, caseworker, medical staff, family member, friend.... • 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.
Details to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If all funds are allocated in a given year, a waiting list can be started for AFCSP funds that become available in the future. • Once enrolled in AFCSP, a person remains on the program until officially disenrolled by the AFCSP Coordinator (for reasons such as death, facility placement, switch to COP, Family Care, NFCSP, ineligible income, etc.). • The AFCSP Coordinator can apply for NFCSP on behalf of clients who have used up their AFCSP allocation in a given year (assuming there are sufficient NFCSP funds remaining). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respite care is limited to 112 hours per calendar year. (Jan.-Dec.) • 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. If so, best practice is to enroll the person in AFCSP rather than NFCSP. If eligible for AFCSP, but funds are unavailable, they can request NFCSP funds but should also be added to the AFCSP waiting list.
Other Resources	<p>Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin and Alzheimer's Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free family consults/ planning, etc. • Home visits • Caregiver support groups • Information & referral • Caregiver training • Workshops & support group for persons in early stage of AD or memory loss • Professional training • 24-hour toll-free helpline • Resource library of books & videos • Website/ newsletter 	<p>GWAAR, DHS, and other websites</p> <p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caregiver support groups • Caregiver trainings • Caregiver resource libraries • Caregiver newsletters • Caregiver recognition & support events • GWAAR Website http://www.gwaar.org/for-professionals/family-caregiver-support-for-professionals.html • DHS Website http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/index.htm

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