

Are Diverse Family Caregivers Getting the Help They Need?



Findings from the Diverse Elders Coalition’s caregiving community survey indicates that many caregivers in communities of color, LGBT communities, and American Indian and Alaska Native communities are having difficulty with healthcare, financial, and legal tasks for their care recipients. However, professional supportive services in these areas are underutilized.

Percentage of caregivers who:

TASK	help with this task	report difficulty with this task	get professional help for this task
Personal care tasks such as bathing and dressing.....	47.1%	68.8%	39.6%
Daily household chores or errands such as housework, laundry or shopping	83%	51.4%	37.1%
Healthcare tasks at home such as taking medications and caring for wounds.....	61.7%	51.8%	36.6%
Coordinating or arranging for care or services from doctors, etc.	72.8%	58.3%	35.2%
Emotionally dealing with their health problems or disabilities.....	74.7%	72.2%	36.3%
Getting information about their health problems or disabilities.....	73.9%	56.1%	44.3%
Finding a place where they could live to get need care or services.....	37.6%	63.8%	35.6%
Getting enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid, other insurance.....	48%	54.2%	47.4%
Getting services paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, etc.	52.7%	50.1%	50.1%
Legal issues such as making a will, power of attorney or guardianship, completing advance directives.....	40.9%	58.1%	34.2%
Financial issues related to health such as estate planning, managing assets, property or bank accounts	43.1%	54.4%	28.7%
Legal issues related to immigration or naturalization procedures	21.4%	60.7%	37.8%
Translating health-related information into their primary language.....	44.6%	50.3%	38.5%