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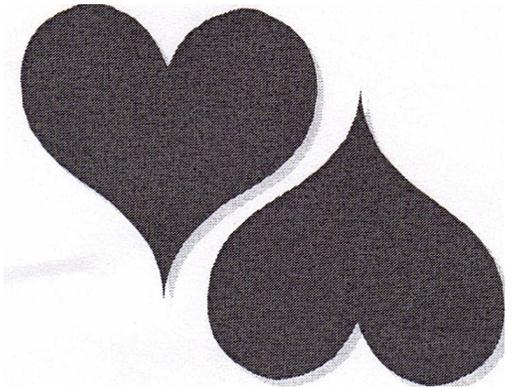
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**"There are only four kinds of people in the world: Those who have been caregivers; those who currently are caregivers; those who will be caregivers; and those who will need caregivers."**

Rosalynn Carter  
Testimony before the Senate  
Special Committee on Aging,  
September 10, 1998

**D**uring its 2001 session the Maryland General Assembly enacted legislation to create the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council. The 17 members of the Council serve three-year terms. Council members represent the various state, public, and private agencies that provide caregiver support services. Other members include the MD Respite Care Coalition, consumers, family caregivers, and advocates that have an interest or expertise in resources for the informal, family caregiver.

#### WHO IS THE COUNCIL WORKING FOR :

The Council acts on the behalf of the Governor to improve support services for unpaid, informal caregivers in the state of Maryland.

The Council meets monthly. The meetings are open to the public.

#### **Legislative Mandate**

##### **The MCSCC shall:**

- Solicit and gather concerns of caregivers by conducting surveys, holding public hearing, establishing a telephone hotline for public access, and other appropriate means;
- Develop and distribute to interested parties a handbook of current respite and other family caregiver services available in the state;
- Review successful respite care programs in other states;
- Develop a model family caregiver support program that incorporates best practices existing programs in the state and in other states;
- Coordinate activities of existing and proposed family caregiver support services among state and local public agencies;
- Research available funding sources and explore possibilities for additional funds; and
- Identify unmet needs and priorities for additional funds.

#### **Mission**

##### **The mission of the MCSCC is to:**

1. **Advocate for Individuals and Families:** Provide a strong voice for the needs and goals of Maryland caregivers.
2. **Build Public Will:** Increase public awareness about the full range of caregiver needs and the support to address them.
3. **Coordinate Information and Support:** Facilitate and coordinate information, systems and people to improve the lives of Maryland caregivers and their families.

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The Council has established a web page at [www.dhr.state.md.us/oas](http://www.dhr.state.md.us/oas)