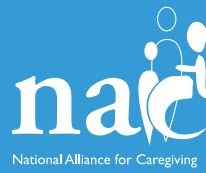
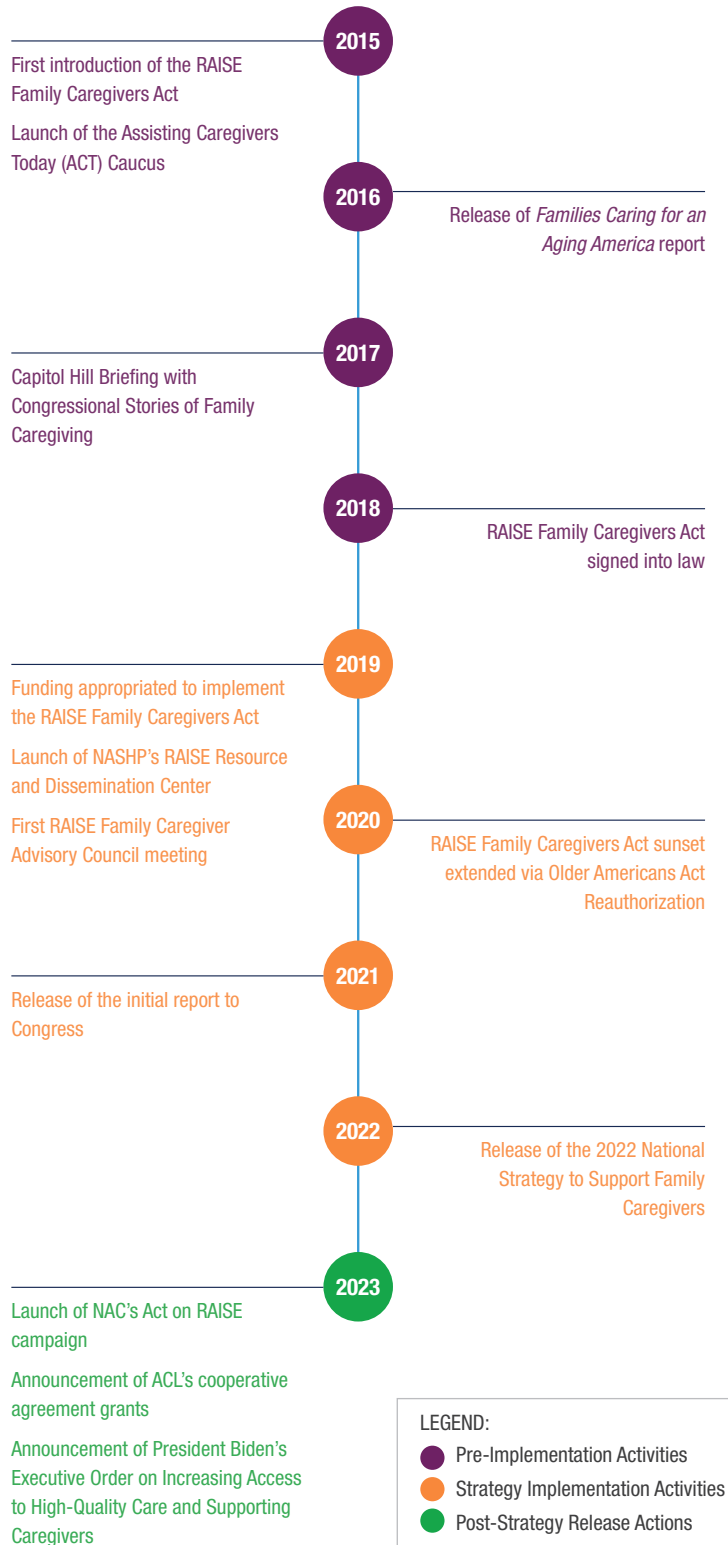


Assessing The National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers as a Model to Inform Efforts to Advance a National Plan on Aging



Timeline of key activities leading to the National Strategy release and post-release actions.



The Interagency Coordinating Committee on Healthy Aging and Age-Friendly Communities (ICC) is seeking to build upon government plans to develop a strategic framework for a national plan on aging. A similar effort to develop a national multisector and interdisciplinary strategy regarding family caregiving was recently conducted under the purview of the Department for Health and Human Services (HHS). The report accompanying this one-pager outlines the process by which the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act was developed, implemented, and deployed to achieve the first iteration of the 2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers. Evolving this process can inform similar efforts to advance a national plan on aging while building on existing efforts to drive multisector plans for aging across the United States.

Highlights that could inform the advancement of a robust national plan on aging include:

Building a base of evidence to demonstrate urgency

- Compile evidence-informed data sources describing demographic and population level trends and existing policy frameworks to describe why a national plan or strategy is needed.

Establishing necessary partnerships to sustain momentum

- Define how public/private coordination should be structured for strategy development and implementation, establish implementation benchmark criteria, and determine how funding sources should be organized.

Engaging policy and advocacy champions for legislative advancement

- Coordinate with key congressional offices, agency partners, and/or organizational champions to secure necessary authorities or appropriations needed to establish accountability and transparency.

Including stakeholders across sectors and disciplines as well as those with lived experience

- Ensure formal mechanisms are established to gather public feedback via listening sessions, requests for information, comment opportunities, and/or advisory councils.

Leveraging existing strategy development models for success

- Demonstrate how strategic planning efforts will build on current, relevant frameworks to produce content that moves the field toward defined, achievable, and specific priorities based on the levels of involvement needed from various sectors.