

Changes in Policy & Legislation for supporting Family Caregivers

***One and a half (1.5) hours for Social Work CEU has been approved for this session.**

In-Person & Virtual

The United States has over 53 million adult family caregivers (AARP, 2020). As the population ages, the prevalence of people with chronic illness or disabilities who need some type of intermittent or long-term caregiving also increases. This presentation explores caregiving in the United States past, present and future. The impact of caregiving on families, communities, and organizations. It identifies gaps within the health care continuum and explains the current and new legislation which seeks to support and strengthen family caregivers through identification, engagement and education. We examine, through a case study one health system's use of community collaboration and organizational partnerships to create innovative supports to address the needs of family caregivers.

Learnings Objectives:

1. To understand the role of the family caregiver past, present and future.
2. To identify gaps/barriers within the traditional medical model of healthcare that exist today that place caregivers at increases risk for caregiver stress and burnout.
3. To examine a case study of one community hospitals which through community collaborations and organizational partnerships was able to fill the gaps and meet the needs of caregivers with an innovative model drawing from crisis intervention theory as well as family systems theory.
4. Introduction to laws/regulations that support family caregiver identification, engagement, and education.

Speakers:

Tara Anglim EdD, LCSW, ACHP-SW, has spent her 30-year career working with individuals and families in a variety of systems and clinical settings. She has done extensive work in private practice with expertise in trauma, abuse, attachment, loss and grief. She received her Doctor of Education from Molloy University in December 2023, her Master of Social Work degree from Fordham University, and her Bachelor of Social Work from Molloy College. Tara is currently serving as Associate Executive Director of Culture and Experience for Peconic Bay Medical Center-Northwell Health. She began her work there in 2013, initially serving as the Associate Director of Palliative Medicine in which her interdisciplinary work achieved the hospital's inaugural Joint Commission Palliative Care Certification in 2017. Tara's experience includes piloting a new model for in-home palliative care, developing community MOLST education, creating a bereavement plan of care for individuals who experience loss and establishing the hospital's family caregiver support program. In 2018, PBMC proudly opened the Caregivers Center, the first of its kind in a hospital on Long Island, dedicated to providing person-centered support, education and resources to family caregivers. Tara went on to provide peer support to seven caregivers centers across the health system. Tara is proud to serve on the NYS EMOLST Task Force as well as the National Alliance of Caregiving's Executive Steering Committee to advance support to cancer caregivers. Most recently, has been supporting her advocacy for family caregivers through research examining identification and acceptance of the caregiver role. Tara is humbled and honored to elevate the personal stories and experiences of family caregivers. Mrs. Anglim is privileged to be able to support individuals and families in her work every day. She is most proud of her own family with husband Kevin and their three children Kevin, Sean and Kate.

Alyssa McCready LMSW

Alyssa McCready is an exceptionally skilled social work professional, prioritizing patient and family-centered care. She holds a Master of Social Work from New York University and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Emory University. Currently serving as the Manager of Patient and Customer Experience at North Shore University Hospital (NSUH), Alyssa leads various programs to support hospital inpatients, their caregivers, children, and the community. Her role involves overseeing NSUH's Caregiver Center, managing Child Life specialists, and developing community partnerships to enhance the health and well-being of the community. Previously, Alyssa held positions as the Program Manager of Patient and Family Centered Care, Caregiver Center, and Coordinator at NSUH. During her tenure, she initiated the Caregiver Support program, providing emotional support, resources, and guidance to family caregivers. Alyssa also spearheaded outreach and education efforts to broaden the program's impact. With a blend of clinical expertise and business acumen, Alyssa continues to excel in her field, making a significant impact on patient care and family support. Her research publications further reflect her dedication to addressing vital topics in cancer survivorship care.

Kacey Farber, LMSW- Kacey Farber, LMSW

Kacey Farber is a highly accomplished and compassionate professional with a profound commitment to social work and education. She holds a Master of Social Work from New York University and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, cum laude. With over 22 years of experience in residential, psychiatric, educational, community, medical, and hospital settings, Kacey's expertise is diverse and extensive. Currently, as the Program Manager for the Reichert Family Caregiver Center at Huntington Hospital, Kacey has excelled in developing and coordinating a supportive caregiver program. She leads support groups, organizes webinars, and fosters wellness events for family caregivers. Her leadership extends to supervising Social Work Graduate interns and training volunteer caregiver coaches. Additionally, Kacey has initiated various special initiatives, including an improved maternity assessment program and a perinatal and infant loss support group.

Throughout her career, Kacey Farber has consistently demonstrated exceptional clinical skills, adeptly overseeing intake assessments and coordinating comprehensive discharge plans. She has been recognized for her commendable dedication to supporting families during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic through virtual groups and bereavement support. Honored with multiple awards for her valuable contributions, Kacey continues to leave a significant and positive mark on the lives of those she serves.