



The Illinois Family Caregiver Act: *An Opportunity to Support Caregivers* Support HB 2551, SB 2545

Support

Fund the Illinois Family Caregiver Act

The law, PA 93-0864 passed in 2004, established a caregiver support program to assist unpaid caregivers including grandparents raising grandkids (kinship care) through training and education to develop essential caregiving skills and other interventions to provide relief and reduce stress. In 2022, the Illinois General Assembly passed \$4 million in state funding to support the Illinois Family Caregiver Act for FY23. This was the first time the act has been funded at the state level. We greatly appreciate the \$4 million appropriation however, more funding is needed to adequately support Illinois Family Caregivers.

Our Ask

\$6 million to fund the Illinois Family Caregiver Act, an investment in our family caregivers

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- Evidence-based assessments that tailor interventions to caregivers' unique needs
- Support services and respite care that provide temporary relief to caregivers
- Hands-on caregiver training, education and stress relief programs
- A wide range of other support for Grandparents & others raising children
- Saves Medicaid dollars by delaying costly nursing home placement

Reach Out

Questions or comments, please contact:

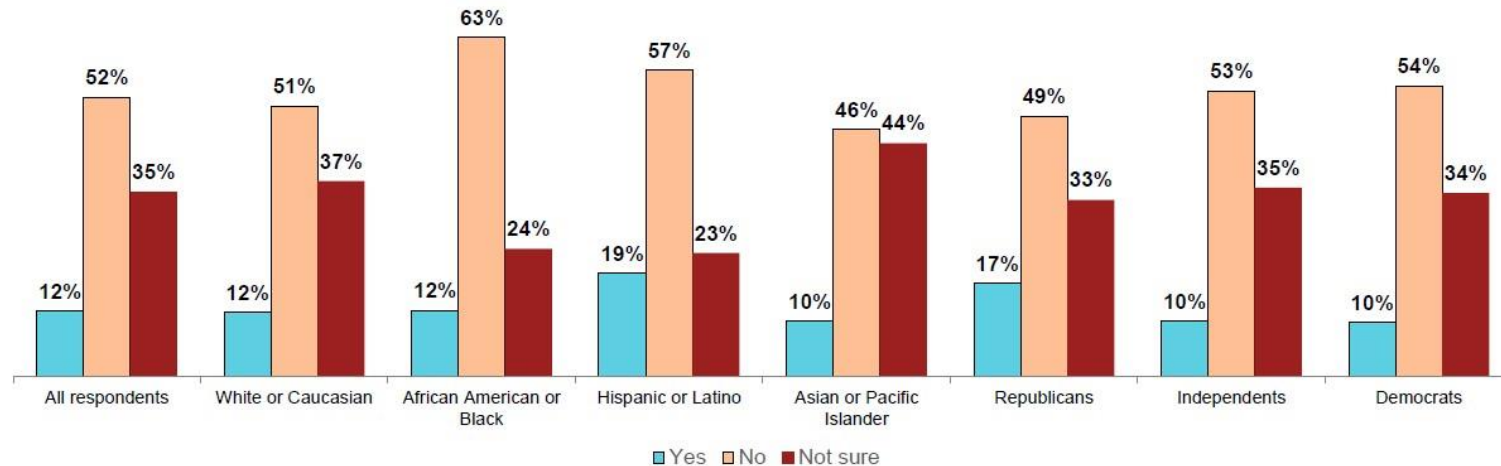
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For many voters in Illinois, the majority do NOT believe that the Illinois state government offers enough support for unpaid family caregivers.

Just over 1 in 10 say that the state government offers enough support for family caregivers. And over half of White, Black, and Hispanic voters as well as Independents and Democrats say the state government does not offer enough to help caregivers. And, about a third overall are not sure if the state government offers enough support for family caregivers.



Q8. Do you believe that the Illinois state government offers enough support for unpaid family caregivers? Base: All Respondents

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