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## Next up on family research support agenda? New explorations, more interventions, policy developments, and novel methods

**Chicago, Illinois (November 26)** – On November 26, the Family Support Research and Training Center released *Research on Family Caregiving Support in the United States: A Strategic Research Plan*. This report provides a roadmap for future research on family support for families of people with disabilities and who are aging. A goal of this report is to encourage funders and researchers to take note of topics previously neglected and to foster growth in new areas and with novel methods in order to improve outcomes for families.

The strategic research plan was developed by the Family Support Research and Training Center (FSRTC), a collaboration of researchers who are focused on synthesizing and generating knowledge about the needs and experiences of families who provide support to children and adults with disabilities across the life course. FSRTC staff recognize that there are similarities in family support across different types of disabilities and age groups and needs that are specific to situations and individuals. Our aim is to develop and disseminate family support research and training to inform more cohesive policies and practices related to family support. The FSRTC is housed at the Institute on Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago and funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living (ACL), National Institute on Disability, Independent Living & Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR).

*Research on Family Caregiving Support in the United States: A Strategic Research Plan* is the product of an iterative, multi-layered process involving multiple stakeholders including family caregivers, people with disabilities, health and social welfare professionals, policymakers, and researchers. Divided into four parts, the report outlines next steps in researching family support by reviewing work that has been done and outlining future directions.

If you and your family are interested in the plan, please find it on the FSRTC website at: <http://fsrtc.ahslabs.uic.edu/2018/11/19/strategic-research-plan/>.