

# Community Service Hours Opportunity!

## You May Be Eligible!

***Contact Your School's AACY Family Specialist!***



**16%**

**16% of FL public high school students provide some form of care at least once each week.**

**25%**

**A quarter (25%) of Caregiving Youth are the only person in their household who provide care for their loved one.**



### 5.4 Million Children

More than 5.4 million children and adolescents under age of 18 provide care for family members who are aging or have chronic illness, disability, or other health conditions that require assistance.

### \$8.5 Million

A 2012 article estimates the economic value from Caregiving Youth to be around \$8.5 million. The estimate today would be much higher.

### Public Policy

Caregiving Youth in the US have been largely excluded from national surveys and policies unlike youths in the UK and Australia.



**72%**

Most caregiving youth (74%) care for their parents and/or grandparents. 11% provide care for their siblings or others such as their great grandparents.



### Aging Population

Care burdens intensify as the US demographic shifts over time with increased life expectancy and an aging baby boomer population.

### Academic, Social and Emotional Challenges

Reported challenges include frustration, anxiety, and depression, which caregiving youth are more likely to experience compared to their non-caregiving peers.

### Vulnerable Youths

Caregiving Youth should be recognized to require special support to ensure the best outcome for them and our future generation.

## AACY's Vision and Mission

We envision a nation where the lives of caregiving youth are understood, appreciated, and celebrated on their individual path to life's dreams and opportunities.

We champion youth who care for chronically ill, injured, elderly, or disabled family members, support their role as caregivers, safeguard, and celebrate their success in school and life.

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