

About RCI

The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) was established on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW) by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on October 14, 1987 to honor former First Lady Rosalynn (pronounced ROSE-a-lynn) Carter, an alumna of GSW. The RCI is dedicated to enhancing her long-standing commitment to human development and mental health.

The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving establishes local, state and national partnerships committed to building quality, long-term, home and community-based services. We believe this begins with providing caregivers with effective supports to promote caregiver health, skills and resilience. We also believe strongly in the need to provide greater recognition for professional and family caregivers. We focus on helping caregivers coping with chronic illness and disability across the lifespan.

RCI overall goal is to support caregivers – both family and professional- through efforts of advocacy, education, research, and service.

Do you know someone caring
for an elderly parent, disabled
child or disabled adult
in need of help?

**To join the CARE-NET or
to get more information
Call the NEGA AAA at
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HISTORY

The **CARE-NET** is a unique volunteer coalition of caregiver support organizations across a broad array of illnesses and disabilities.

The first CARE-NET was established in 1990 in the West Central region of Georgia, home to the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving. The Northeast Georgia CARE-NET was established in June 2004 resulting from a partnership between the Rosalynn Carter Institute, the Administration on Aging, the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services, Athens Community Council on Aging, and the Northeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging.

The NEGA CARE-NET serves the twelve counties of the NEGA region: Athens-Clarke, Barrow, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Walton counties.

MISSION

The mission of the NEGA CARE-NET is to provide ongoing assessment of community resources, identify and remedy gaps in services, share information and resources among agencies, develop strategies for complementary professional and family caregiver activities, offer caregiver education and, most importantly, advocate for Caregivers.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Coalition members include leaders and advocates from community agencies, private corporations, churches, family caregivers, para-professional caregivers, and volunteer caregivers who provide ongoing information, assistance, counseling, training and support groups for caregivers throughout Northeast Georgia.

There are no membership dues for individuals or organizations to join the NEGA CARE-NET.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Link professional and family caregivers in a supportive community concerned with caregiving.
- Identify community caregiving strengths and needs
- Implement effective educational programs for caregivers
- Organize community forums on caregiving issues
- Provide a source of support for caregivers
- Foster strong relationships among community leaders concerned about caregivers
- Help agencies and stakeholders work collaboratively, coordinating human and fiscal resources
- Educate the public and legislators about caregiving
- Identify policy issues and advocate on behalf of caregivers

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE
JOIN TODAY!!**