Getting to Know: CALIFORNIA'S CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTERS



At the 11 CRCs throughout the state, caregiver needs can be assessed so that tools like support groups, counseling, and educational programming can be identified



California's Caregiver Resource Centers have been providing direct services, information services and evidence-based educational programs for decades, and are integral to California's Aging Network . . . California Caregiver Resource Centers that were established in law in 1984.



Additional funding for CRCs would expand the reach of programs and services and support innovative new programs, including digital and online services

Caregivers expressed high satisfaction with these services, with



94% of caregivers reporting that CRC staff provided them with information and resources to best manage their caregiving situation ¹ 96% finding the educational programs they attended helpful



In 2009, CRC funding was cut by 74%, from \$10.5 million. In 2015, a \$2 million recovery restored some of these funds, but current levels of funding remain far below 2008 levels and are inadequate to meet demands 2

Learn more about the Caregiver Resource Centers by viewing the final report of the California Task Force on Family Caregiving: www.tffc.usc.edu

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