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Respite Innovative Technology Enhancement (RITE) Grant Update

**Office of Aging and Disability Resource
Centers**

RITE Grant Update

Background

- In May 2020, OADRC applied for and received Lifespan Respite Care Program: State Program Enhancement Grant funds from the Administration for Community Living (ACL). This funding supports the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's (HHSC) effort to further implement requirements of the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006.
- As a part of the grant, HHSC contracted with the Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute to conduct a needs assessment to assess the state of respite services in Texas.



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Key Report Findings

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- Lack of knowledge about respite in Texas
- Inaccessibility of respite care
- Availability and resource constraints
- Quality and trust concerns
- Cultural considerations



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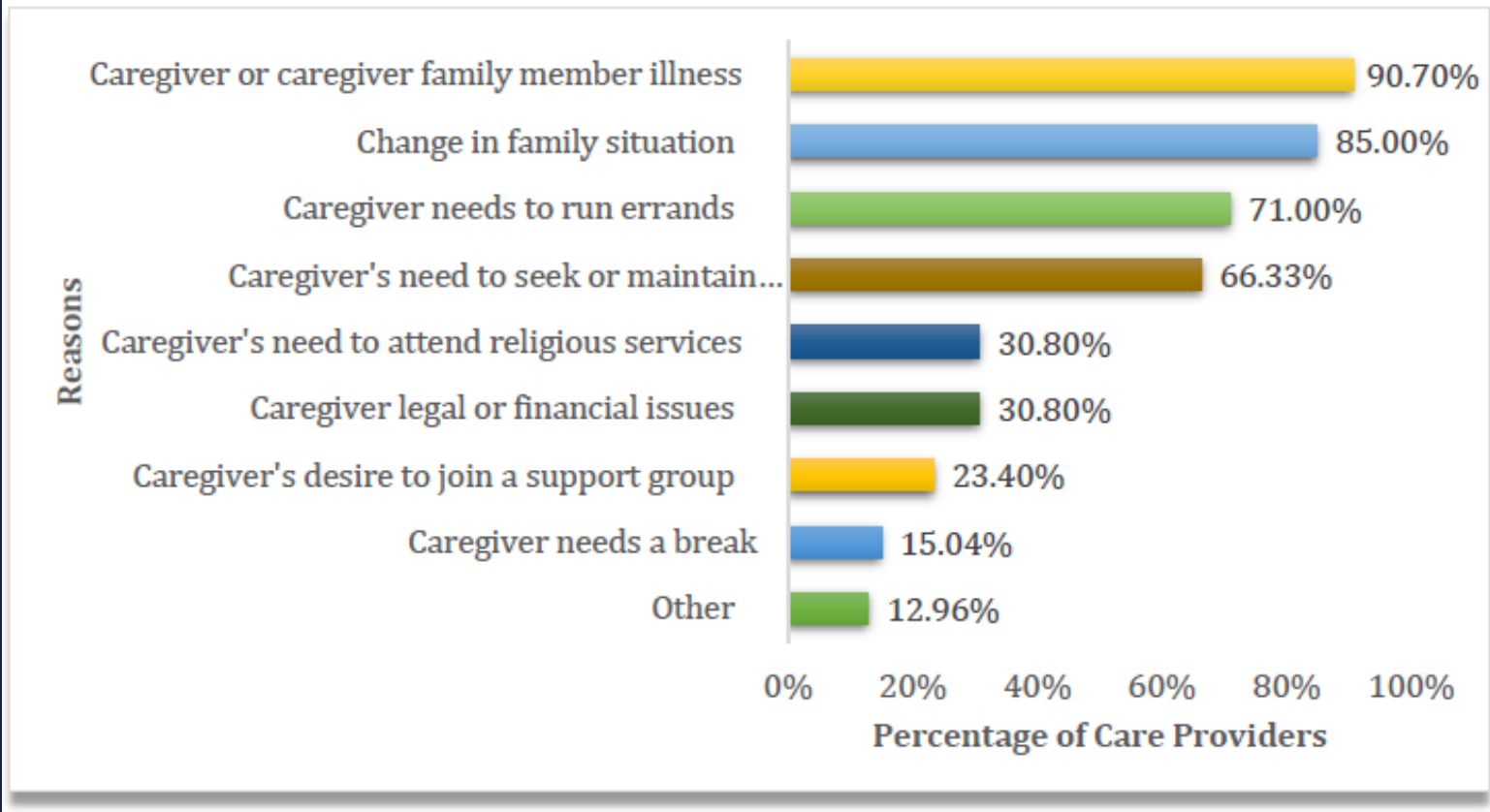
Data Snapshot

Reasons Informal Caregivers seek Respite Services



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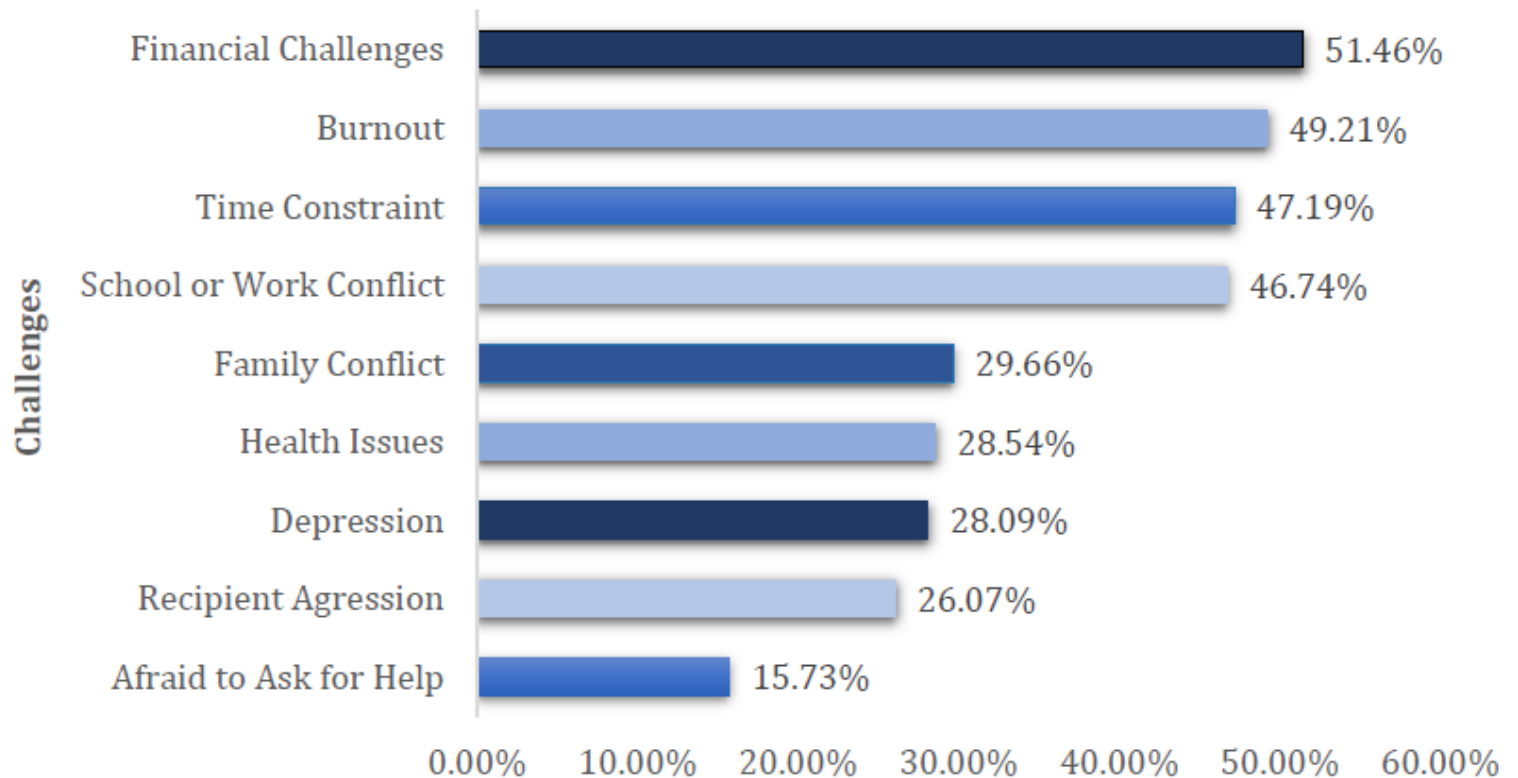
Figure 11: Reasons Informal Caregivers Seek Respite Services





Challenges Faced by Caregivers

Figure 6: Challenges Faced by Caregivers

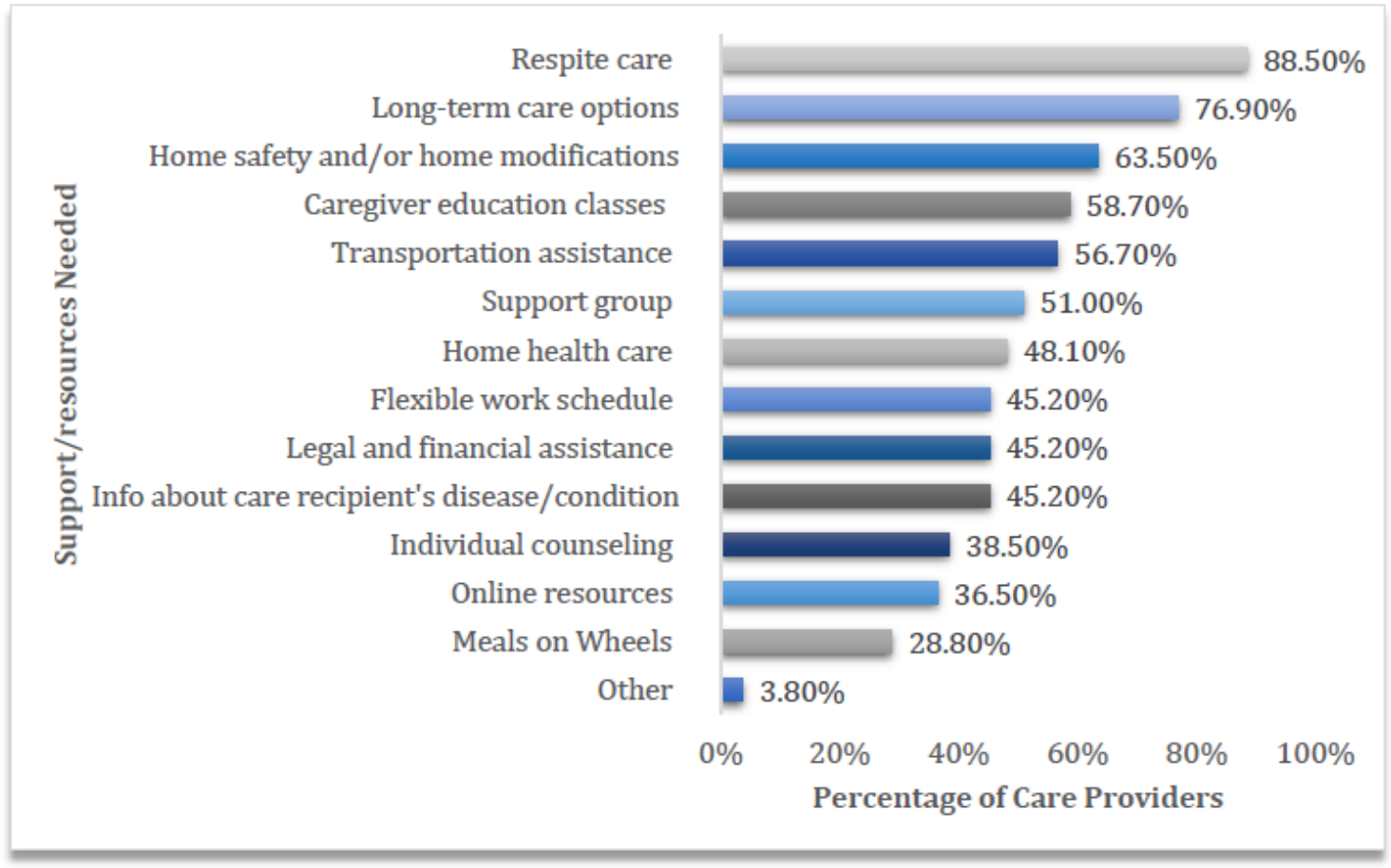


Types of Support/Resources Informal Caregivers Need



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Figure 12: Types of Support/Resources Informal Caregivers Need

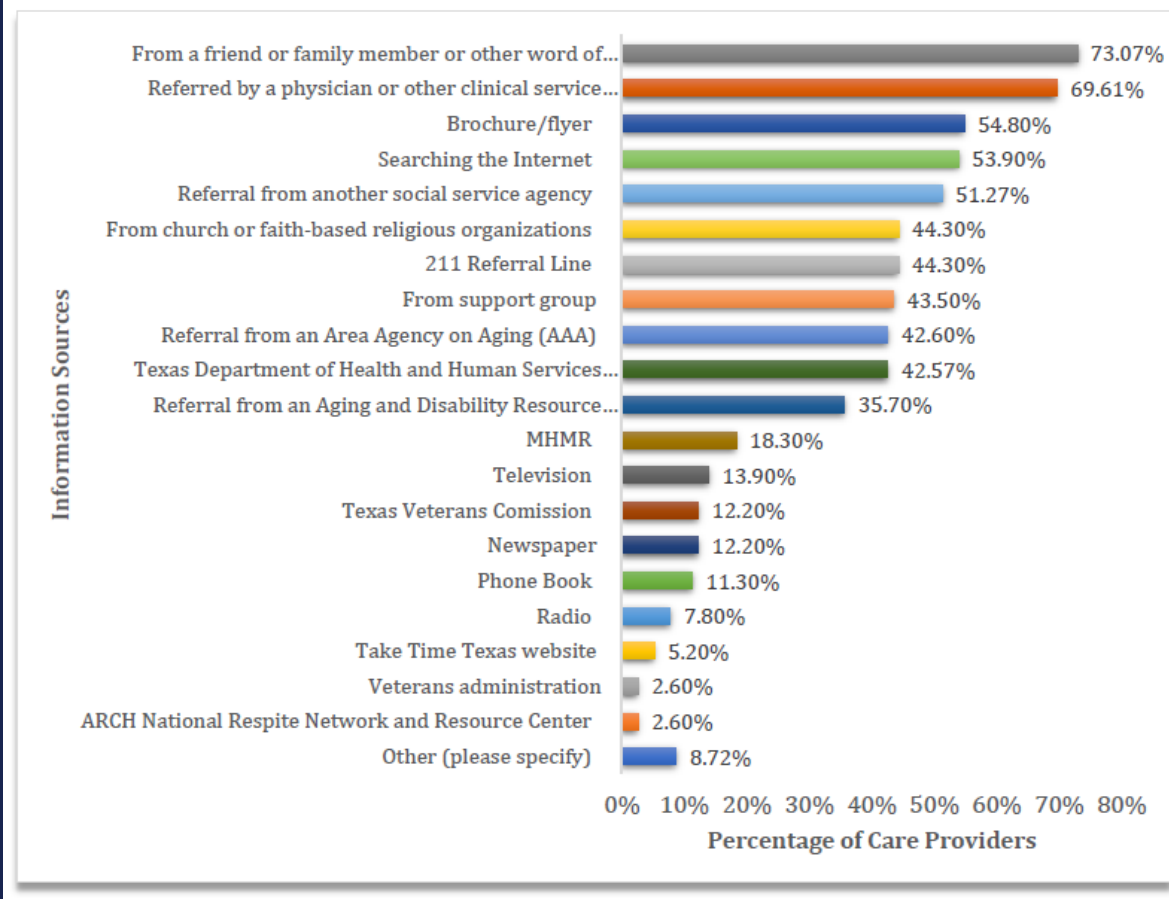




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How People Learn about Respite Services

Figure 13: How People Learn about Respite Services





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Next Steps

Upcoming RITE Grant Activities

- Pending the approval from the Administration for Community Living, OADRC will:
 - Conduct a strategic marketing campaign
 - Plan a statewide caregiver event
- Analyze the report findings and work with internal HHS partners to address areas of collaboration



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Thank you!

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