

— TOP TAKEAWAYS —

An American Caregiver Program

IT'S OFTEN HARD TO FIND AFFORDABLE CAREGIVING

- For millions of families with children, child care is expensive, hard to find, and too inflexible to meet their specific needs.
- As detailed in this recent [IWF Policy Focus](#), millions of seniors need additional support and assistance so they can age in place, but it's hard to find qualified and affordable help.
- For millions of Americans and people living in the United States, housing is expensive and scarce. Rent has gone up by **more than 20%** since the Biden-Harris administration began in 2021.

EXISTING DOMESTIC WORK ARRANGEMENTS FAIL WORKERS AND FAMILIES

- Domestic work is a unique and challenging sector of the economy, suffering from both over- and under-regulation. Government regulators struggle to balance the competing need to ensure that workers are treated fairly and the reality that domestic work can blur the lines of what constitutes work.
- Policymakers should consider how to create a better regulatory framework to encourage more caregiving relationships to take place legally.
- All states and federal agencies should work to ensure that there are opportunities for any worker who is being abused to obtain legal help.

CONGRESS SHOULD CREATE A NEW AMERICAN CAREGIVERS PROGRAM

- An American Caregivers Program would give citizens and residents similar work opportunities to those currently provided to young foreigners through the State Department's au pair program.
- It could create a new opportunity for Americans to engage live-in caregivers—outside the existing, often unworkably complex, regulatory framework.
- And the caregiver program would increase the supply of caregivers, and make it easier for people to get the help they need.

Click [HERE](#) to read the policy focus and learn more about an American Caregiver Program.