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Family Caregiving Forum

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**AARP**  
Florida



Examine  
the true costs  
of caregiving

HIGGINS HALL  
TAMPA  
Sept. 4  
5-7:30 p.m.



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More than 2.7 million Floridians care for aging parents or other older adults in their family and millions more care for young children or adults with disabilities. Explore the mental, physical and economic strain caregivers face as they support their loved ones. The Tampa Bay Times has convened a distinguished panel of experts to examine how national and state policies can be strengthened and shed light on the vital role local community organizations play to bridge the gap.

SCHEDULE

5-6 p.m. | Family Caregiver Resource Center

6-7:30 p.m. | Panel Discussion

Welcome Remarks

Conan Gallaty  
CEO at the Tampa Bay Times

Sponsor Remarks

Jeff Johnson  
State Director at AARP Florida

Panel Moderator

Justine Griffin  
Business and Health Editor  
at the Tampa Bay Times

BOOTHS

- Booth 1: AARP Florida
- Booth 2: Alzheimer's Association
- Booth 3: Florida Blue
- Booth 4: Senior Living Guide
- Booth 5: Empath LIFE/Suncoast PACE
- Booth 6: Neighborly Senior Care Network
- Booth 7: LGBTQ+ Elder Initiative  
Committee of Better Living  
for Seniors Pinellas
- Booth 8: Senior Connection Center, Inc.
- Booth 9: Empath Health



**Justine Griffin | Moderator**  
Business and Health Editor  
at the Tampa Bay Times

Justine Griffin is the business and health editor at the Tampa Bay Times. Before joining the Times in 2015, she worked at the St. Augustine Record, the Sun Sentinel and the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, gaining national attention for her reporting.



**U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor**  
U.S. Representative for Florida's  
14th Congressional District

Congresswoman Kathy Castor, a U.S. representative since 2007, has pushed for a coordinated national strategy to address the financial, emotional and physical challenges that family caregivers face. She's also introduced legislation to increase federal support for caregiving programs.



**Keith Gibson**  
Director of Diversity, Equity and  
Inclusion at the Alzheimer's Association

Keith Gibson is the Florida director of diversity, equity and inclusion and research champion for the Alzheimer's Association. He oversees all aspects of diversity and inclusion for the organization in Florida, focusing on achieving health equity and minimizing health disparity, so that all communities have access to risk reduction and quality care.



**Noemi Cruz**  
Senior Director of Health Care  
Services at Florida Blue

As the senior director of health care services for Florida Blue, Noemi Cruz supports a 14-county region in southwest Florida. With over 25 years of experience in managed care and hospital settings, she focuses on improving members' access to quality care.



**Rhonda Richards**  
Government Affairs Director,  
Family & Caregiving at AARP

Rhonda Richards is a government affairs director at AARP, advocating for older adults and their families on issues like family caregiving and independent living. She has helped pass significant federal laws and regulations, including the RAISE Family Caregivers Act. With over 15 years at AARP, she previously served on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. Richards is a Bryn Mawr College graduate.



**Amanda Singleton**  
Attorney at Singleton Legal PLLC  
and AARP Family Caregiving Expert

Amanda Singleton, an attorney and family caregiver, practices wills, trusts, estates and probate law at Singleton Legal PLLC in Florida. As an AARP family caregiving expert, she speaks and writes on legal and financial issues affecting unpaid family caregivers. Singleton has received the Tampa Bay Business Journal's 40 Under 40 distinction as well as the national Caregiving Visionary Award.



**We are delighted to have you with us this evening!**

Audience members can submit questions on question cards that will be distributed and collected throughout the program. The moderator will select the questions to ask the panelists.



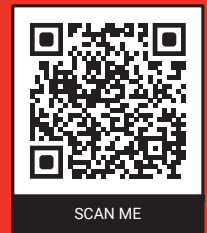
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