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Topic: Siblings of Children and Adults with Disability and Chronic Illness

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Senator: Wright

Given the families/carers distinction mentioned in the NDS, it is encouraging to see that nearly \$20 million has been provided for the MyTime peer support program for parents. However, even though they are dealing with the stresses as children, and so may be more vulnerable, siblings are not provided any targeted programs such as this for parents. Does FAHCSIA have any plans to develop programs for siblings that are similar to MyTime for parents?

Answer:

There is currently no specific policy proposal to develop programs for siblings that are similar to MyTime for parents.