

The Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council

2015 Annual Report

2015 Status Report

In 2015, The Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council focused on tasks mandated by state statute, including:

- Solicited and gathered concerns of caregivers and identified unmet needs through a survey that included participation from each of the 24 local jurisdictions. (See Addendums)
- Promoted awareness of caregiver support services through collective outreach efforts that focused on caregivers across the lifespan.
- Researched available funding sources to expand statewide respite care capacity, including a coordinated effort across State agencies and partners.
- Reviewed caregiver support systems for effectiveness and accessibility, toward creating barrier free systems, including participation in the State Task Force examining supports for caregivers,
- Reported to the Maryland General Assembly, including a briefing in the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, presenting what caregivers across the state identified as their unmet needs.

Policy

The Council utilized the combined efforts of two researchers, Amy Fuhrmann, M.S. Counseling Psychology, University of Maryland and Naomi Duffort, MSW Intern University of Maryland School of Social Work, who reviewed existing survey data, and developed a Maryland-specific family caregiver survey, the results of which informed Council policy recommendations. Analysis of the survey data, statistical comparisons of various demographic groups (e.g., gender, age, income, and ethnicity {See Addendums}), and comparison to data from national caregiver surveys formed the Council's legislative advisement to the Maryland General Assembly:

- Briefing in the Senate *Education, Health and Environmental Affairs* Committee on results of the Maryland Family Caregiver Survey -- Secretary Malhotra (DHR), Elizabeth Weglein, Council Chair, and Naomi Duffort, Survey Coordinator, presented preliminary survey findings demonstrating the economic value of caregiving to the State and discussed the need to support Maryland family caregivers via programs such as respite care.
- SB 297 (Caregiver Task Force, Senate Finance)—Council member Cynthia Peterman shared her personal experiences as a family caregiver in her testimony in support of the establishment of a Task Force at the bill hearing in the Senate. The Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council was designated in the bill as a formal member of the Task Force.
- SB 572 & HB 1006 (the Care Act) – Part of a national agenda, the Council supported this Bill requiring the designation of the patients' caregivers in hospital records and a coordinated discharge protocol. Elizabeth Weglein, Council Chair, testified in support at the Hearing.

- SB 400 & HB 572 (Formal Recognition of the Longest Day of June 21 for Alzheimer's Awareness) - In collaboration with Council partners, Alzheimer's Association of Maryland and the Virginia I. Jones Council on Alzheimer's and Related Disorders, MCSCC supported the proposed legislation.

Council Accomplishments in 2015

- Built a partner list of more than 160 organizations and businesses seeking to address the needs of family caregivers.
- Convened a statewide respite partner, forum including the Maryland Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, Aging, Disabilities, as well as the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, AARP Maryland, Johns Hopkins Hospital, TimeBanks USA, and ARCH National Respite Network. The purpose of the forum was to identify unmet needs of caregivers, explore potential avenues for respite capacity expansion such as Village/TimeBanks communities, a Federal Lifespan Respite Care Grant application, and coordination of support for legislation that will impact family caregivers.

2016 Goals

- Continue collection, analysis, and dissemination of up-to-date data on the characteristics and unmet needs of Maryland's family caregivers;
- Coordination and enhancement of media and social media presence, including a new Council website that will be developed through a public/private partnership and Facebook page.
- Establishing a Council Speakers Bureau to inform family caregivers of available supports and services.
- Through a coordinated effort between State agencies and organizational partners, applying for a Federal Lifespan Respite Care Grant to expand respite capacity.
- Raising awareness of caregiver needs through continued membership on the Task Force on Family Caregiving and Long-Term Supports.

Council Outreach Conducted During 2015

Date	Event	Location	Audience	# in Attendance
February	Alzheimer's Council	House of Delegates	Council Members & Guests	20
February	Senate Hearing on Senate Bill 297	Senate Finance Committee	Senate Finance Committee & General Public	
March	Briefing – Survey Findings	Senate Committee Education, Health & Environmental Affairs	Senate EHEA & General Public	
April	University of Maryland Baltimore County	UMBC Campus	BSW Students	20
April	Anne Arundel County Caregiver Conference	Annapolis	Family Caregivers	40
May	Queen Anne's County Senior Expo	Centerville	Family Caregivers	150
May	ABC's of Caregiving – Webinar sponsored by Maryland Access Point	Statewide	Family Caregivers	148
June	Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Conference	Hagerstown	Family Caregivers	45
July	Back to School Wellness Day	Prince George's County	Children Youth and Families	200
July	Eastern Shore, Talbot County Event	Talbot County	Nurses	20
August	TMMBC Back to School Jam	Baltimore County	Children, Youth and Families	200
August	SHIP: Radisson Hotel, Baltimore	Statewide Event	School health Professionals	200
September	Maryland State Sickle Cell Picnic	Statewide Event	Families	100
October	IEP Process	Baltimore City	Families/professional	20
October	Autism Conference	Statewide Event	Families/professional	300
October	Connecting Siblings with Developmental Disabilities	Anne Arundel County	Siblings of people w/disabilities	220
October	Health and Hip Hop: Morgan State University	Baltimore City	Families/professional	200
October	Minority Health Conference	Statewide Event	Professionals	300
October	Montgomery County Commission on Aging	Silver Spring	Families/professional	80
November	Baltimore Collaborates: Resource Fair	Baltimore City	Youth & Families	100
November	Get CONNECTED: Special Needs Resource Fair	Baltimore City	Families	100
November	Claremont High School Event	Baltimore City	Families/professional	200
November	Cecil County Health Department	Cecil County	Professionals	30
November	Jewish Community Services: Parent Workshop	Baltimore County	Parents/families	100
November	SECAC Meeting	Baltimore City	Families/professional	50
November	Social Security Administration	Statewide Event, Baltimore County	Federal employees	60

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December	Forum: Building Respite Program Capacity in Maryland	Hanover, MD Statewide Event	Families/professional	80

Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council

MEMBERS

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016

Tina Bullock

Family Centered Practice Supervisor
Training & Organizational Development
Social Services Administration
Department of Human Resources
Represents- DHR

Mary Chaput

Program Director
Respite Care Referral & Family Caregiver
Represents- Area Agencies on Aging

Kevin Dougherty

Vice President, Programs & Services
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Represents- Agency with Respite
Experience

Jennifer Eastman

Director of Community Living Policy
Maryland Department of Disabilities
Represents-Department of Disabilities

Dr. Renée S. Fredericksen

Represents- Family Caregiver

Anthony Jackson

Constituent Services Coordinator
DHMH
Developmental Disabilities Administration
Represents- DHMH

Mary Price, Council Vice Chair
Coordinator of Special Programs
Department Health and Mental Hygiene
Center for Maternal and Child Health
Represents – DHMH

Betty Jones

Represents- Family Caregiver

Brooke Kaiser

Respite Services Director
Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore
Region
Represents – Agency with Respite
Experience

Connie Marth

Assistant Director
Delmarva Community Services, Inc.
Represents- Agency with Respite
Experience

Cynthia Peterman

Represents- Family Caregiver

April V. Seitz, L.C.S.W.-C

Director, Office of Adult Services
Social Services Administration
Department of Human Resources
Represents- DHR

Joan Smith

Child and Adolescent Division
Mental Hygiene Administration
Represents- DHMH

Ann Squire

Represents- Family Caregiver

Nate Sweeney

Represents- Family Caregiver

Elizabeth Weglein, Council Chair

Represents- Maryland Respite Care
Coalition, Inc. (MRCC)

Terri Williams

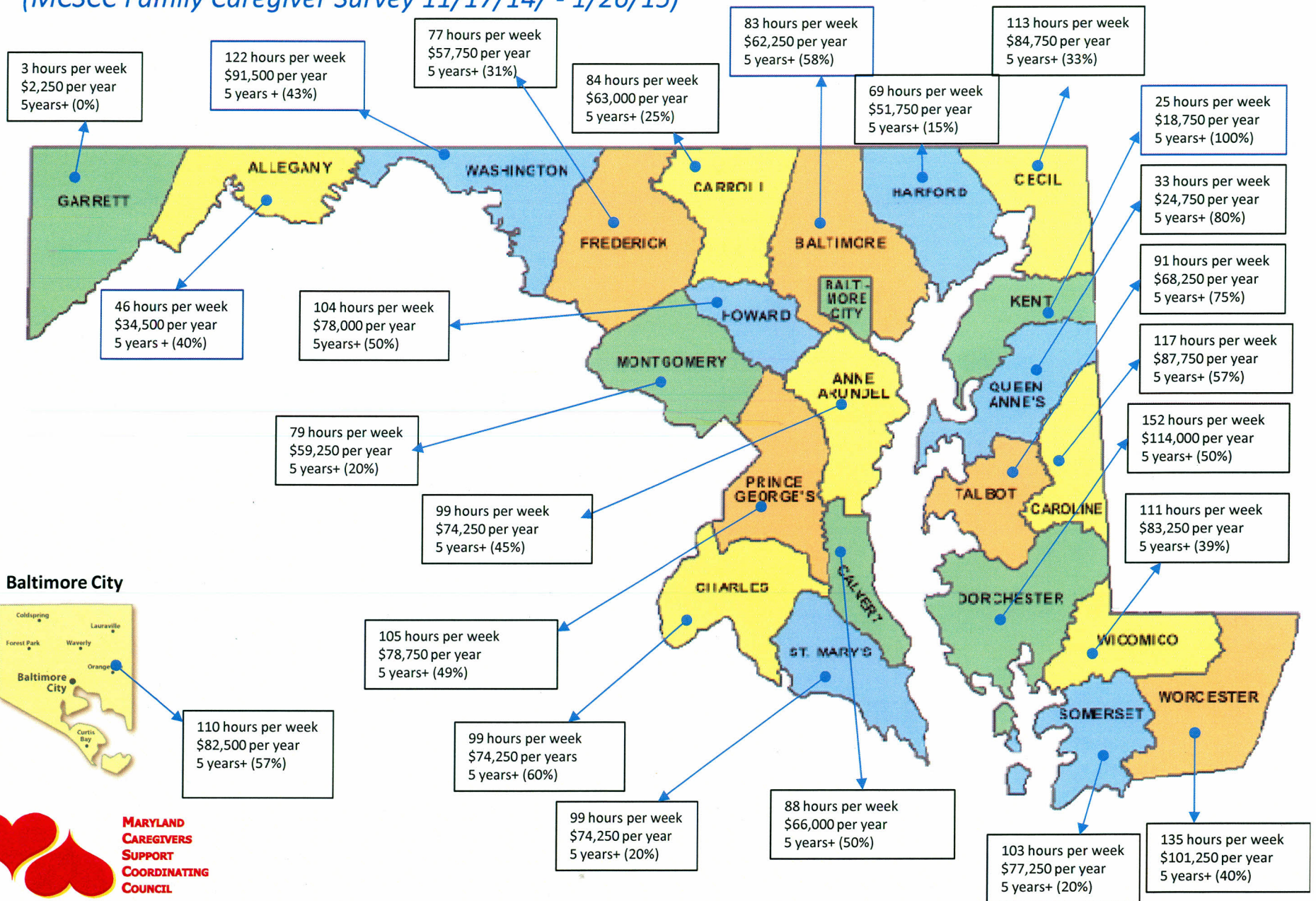
MDoA - Program Manager - Caregivers
Support - Elder Abuse
Represents- MDoA

Council Staff – Dorinda A. Adams, LGSW,

Senior Staff to the Council
Greg Seseck, Staff to the Council

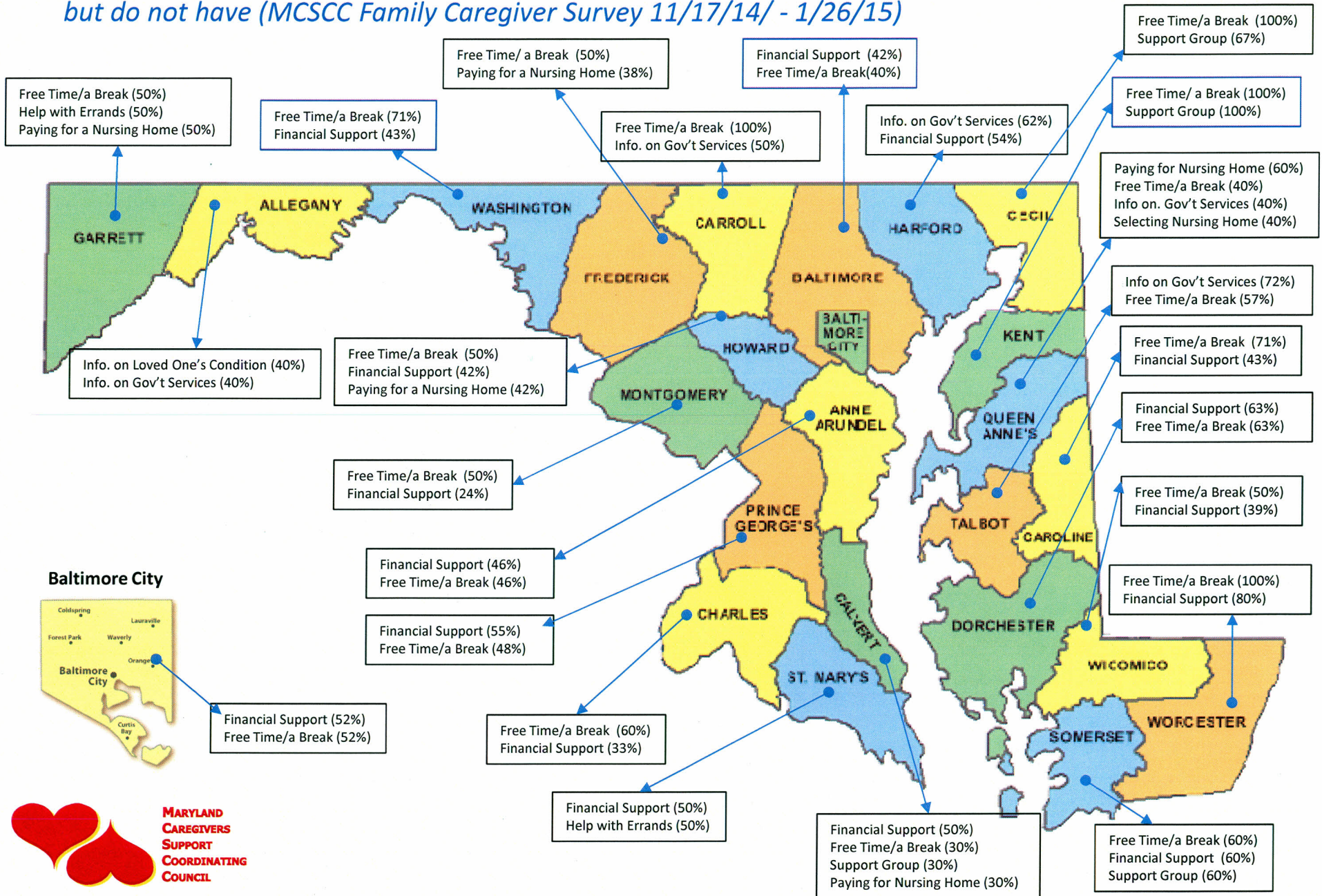
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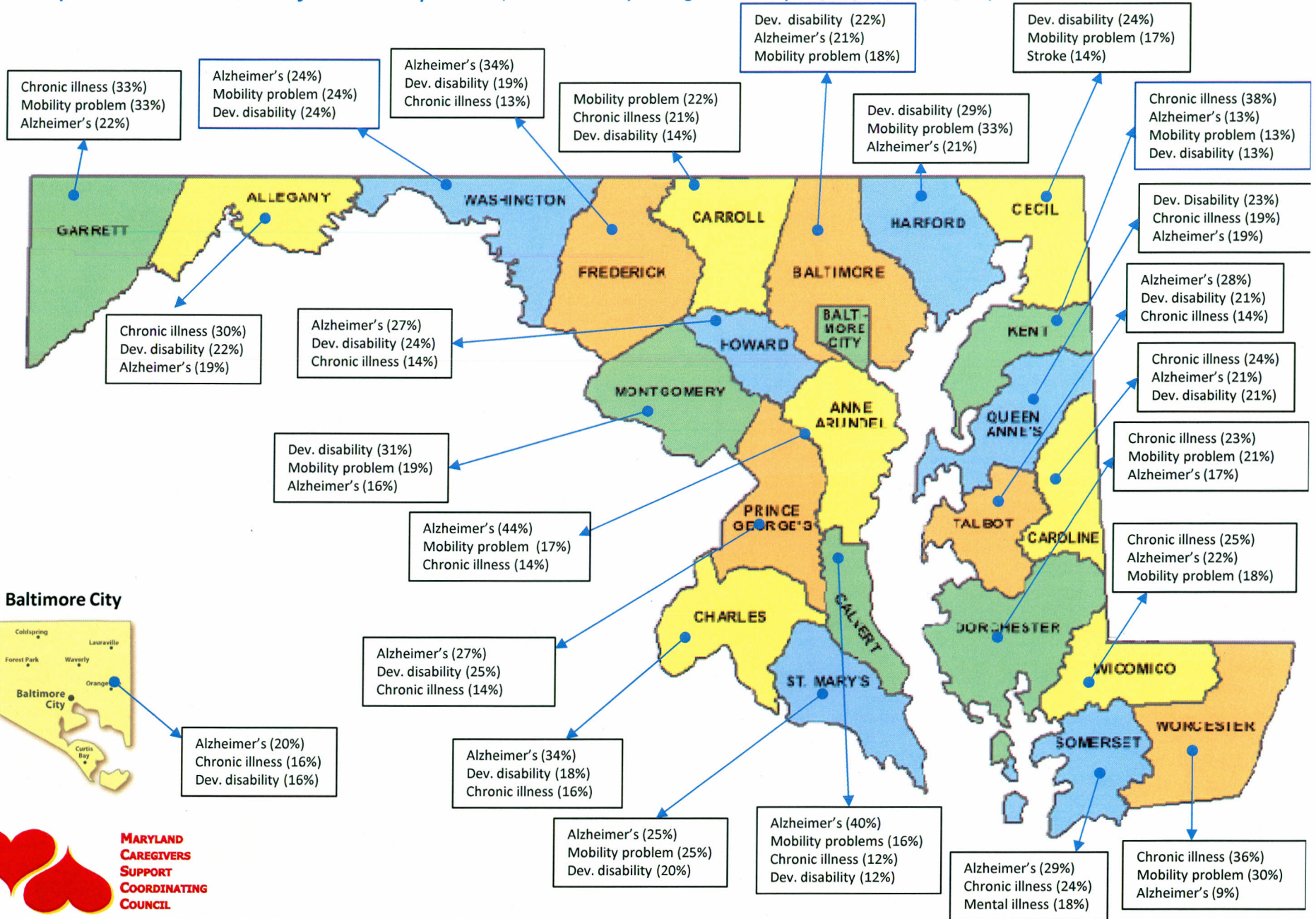
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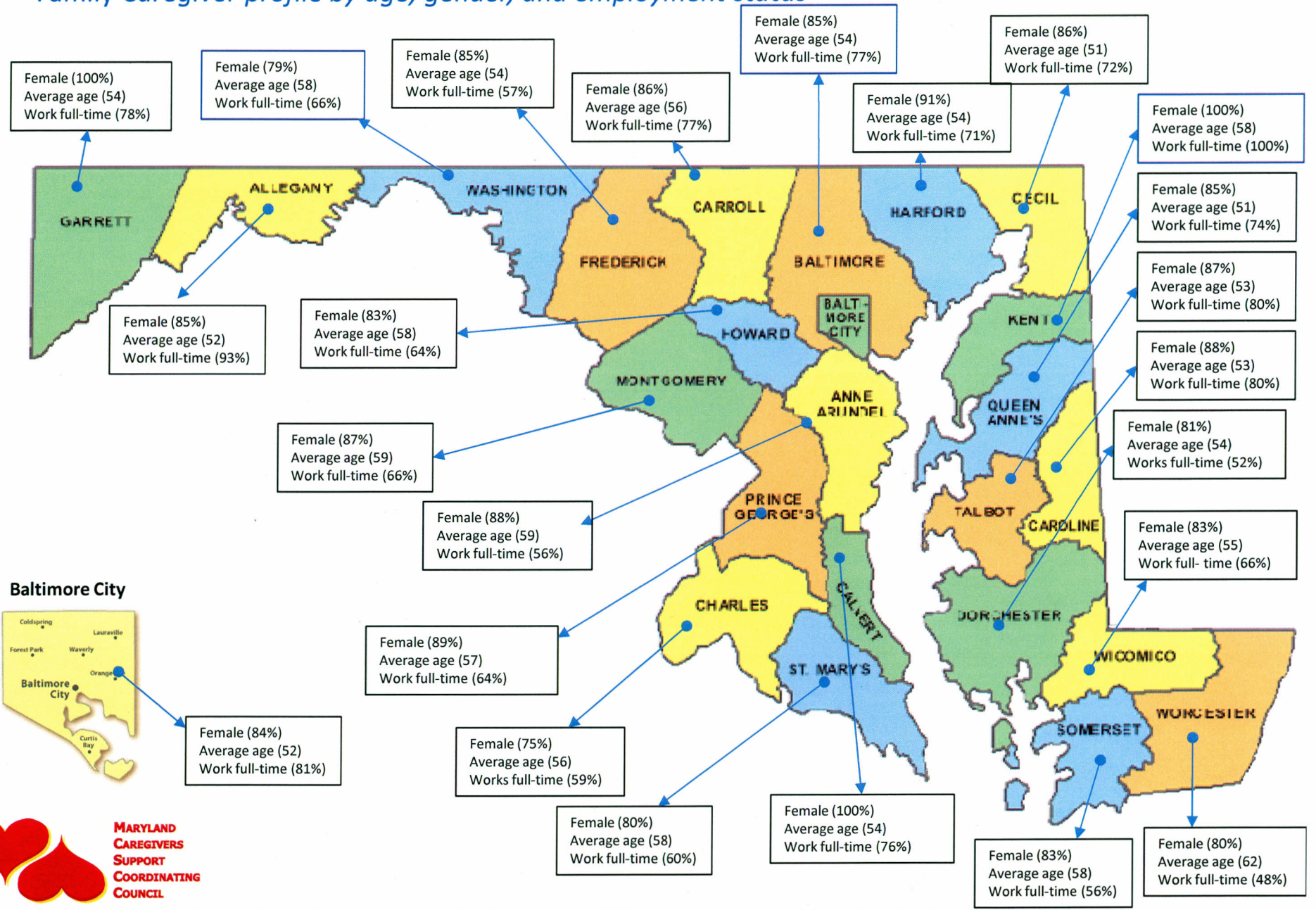
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Top three conditions of care recipients (MCSCC Family Caregiver Survey 11/17/14/ - 1/26/15)



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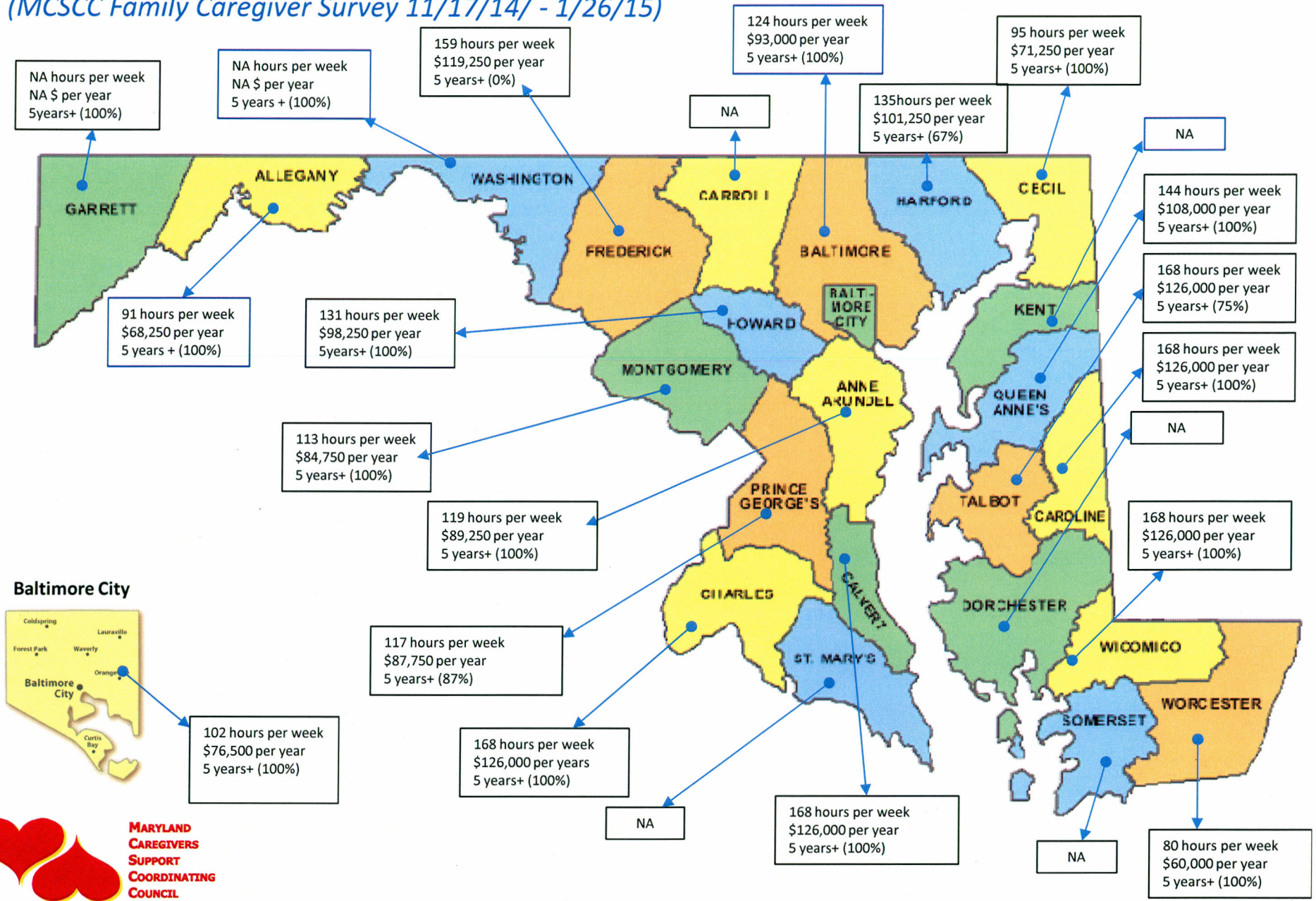
Family Caregiver profile by age, gender, and employment status



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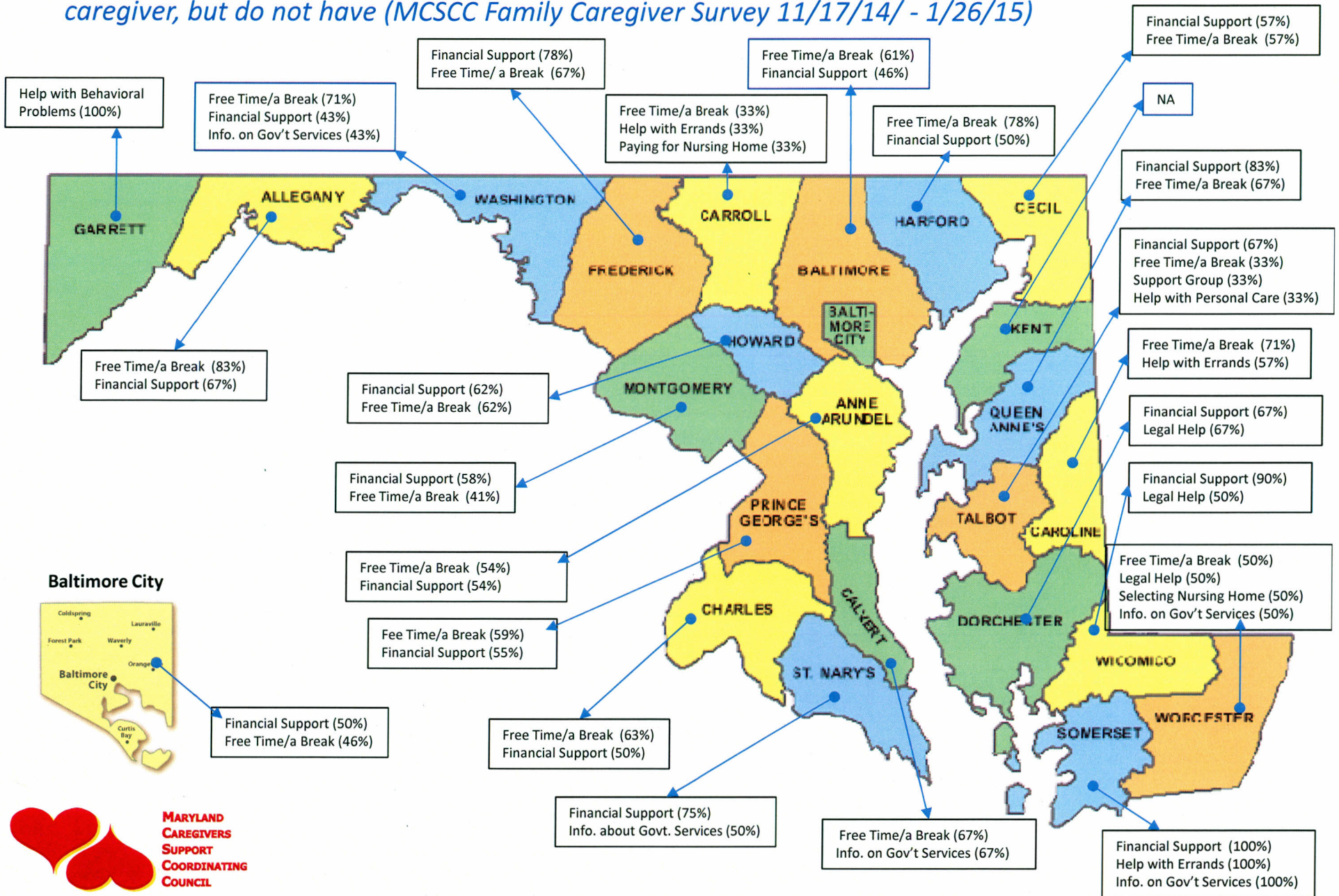
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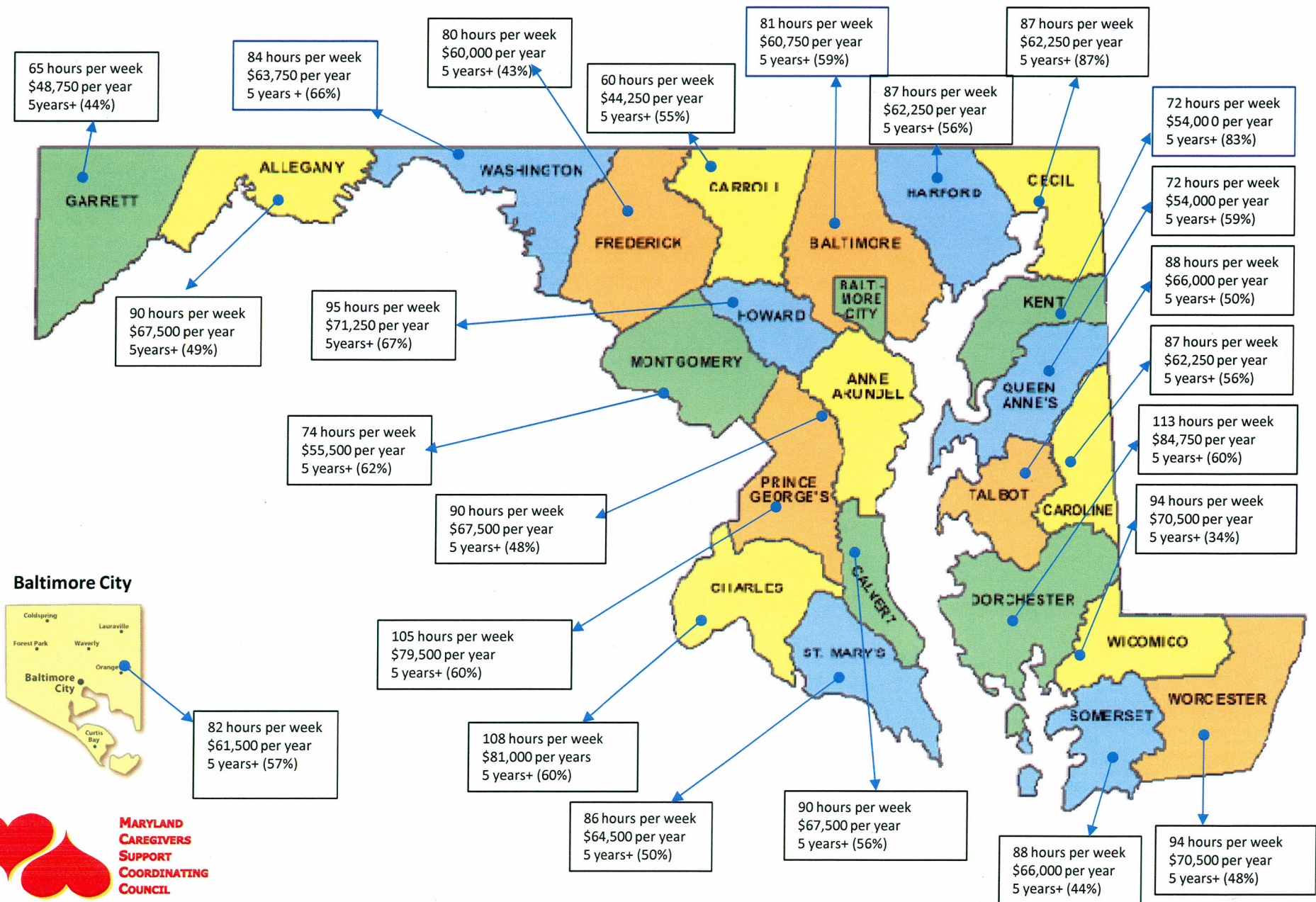
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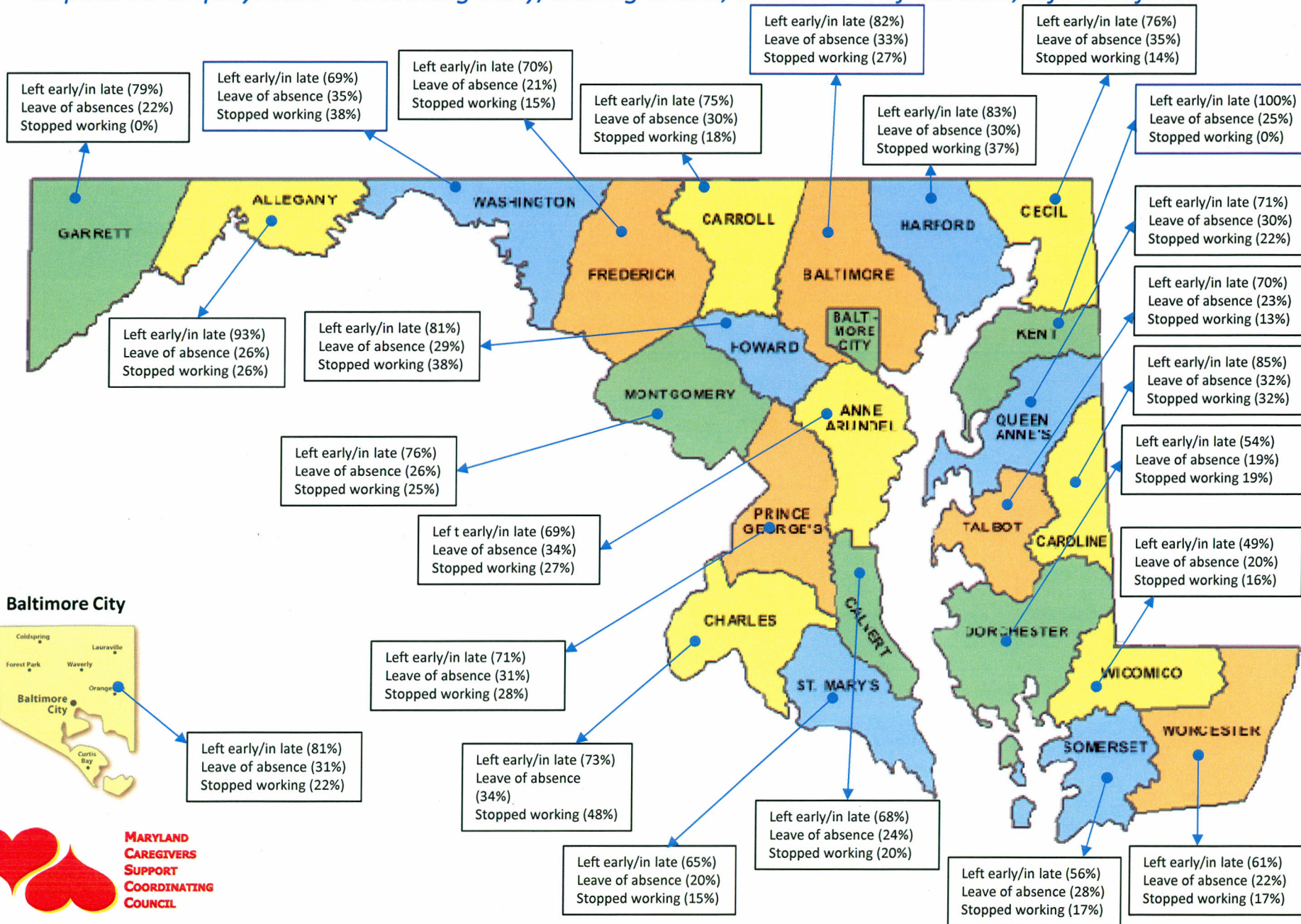


82 hours per week
\$61,500 per year
5 years+ (57%)



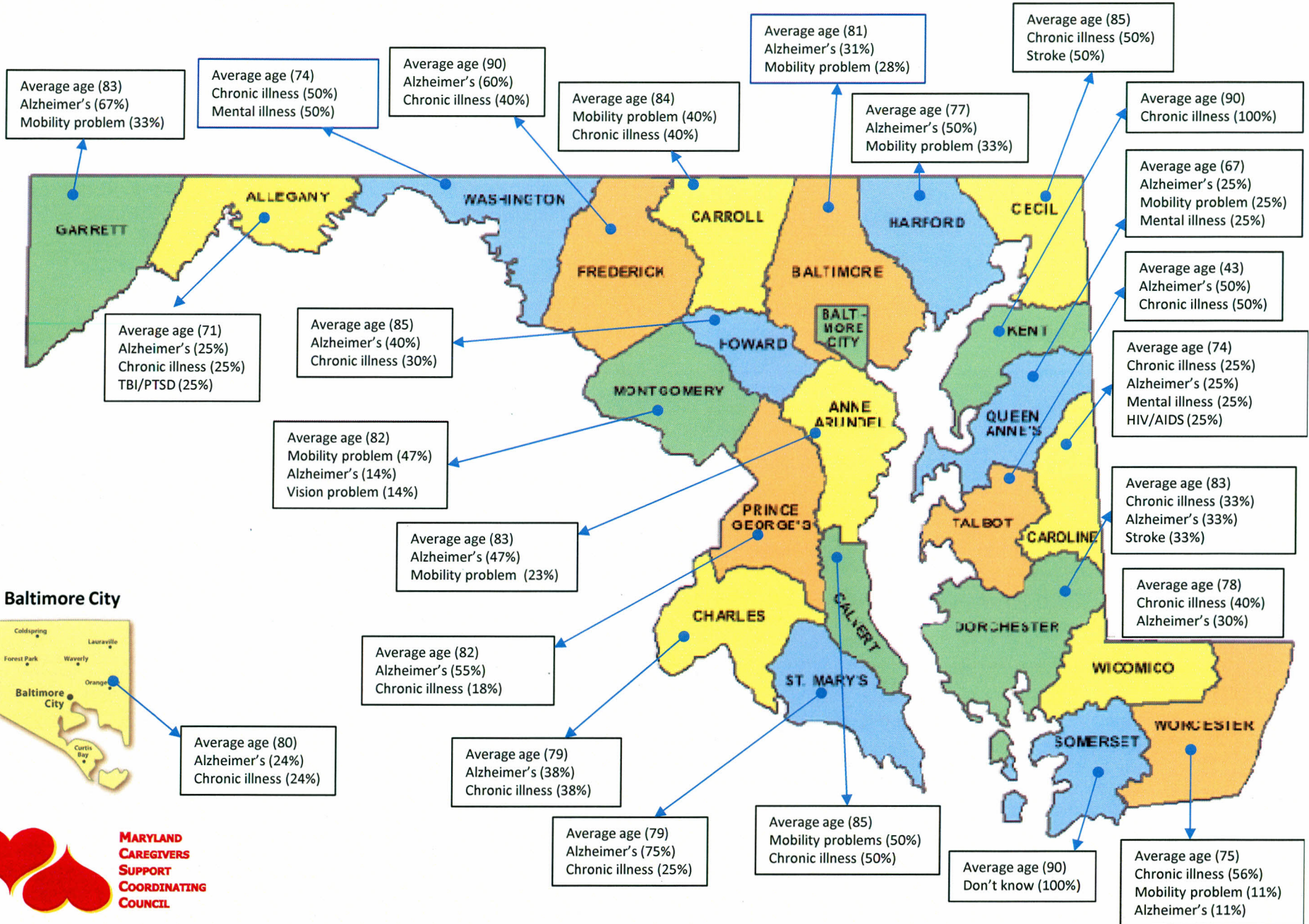
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Impact on employment -- % leaving early/coming in late, taken leave of absence, left workforce



Response by Jurisdiction: Profile of Veteran Care Recipients (MCSCC Family Caregiver Survey)

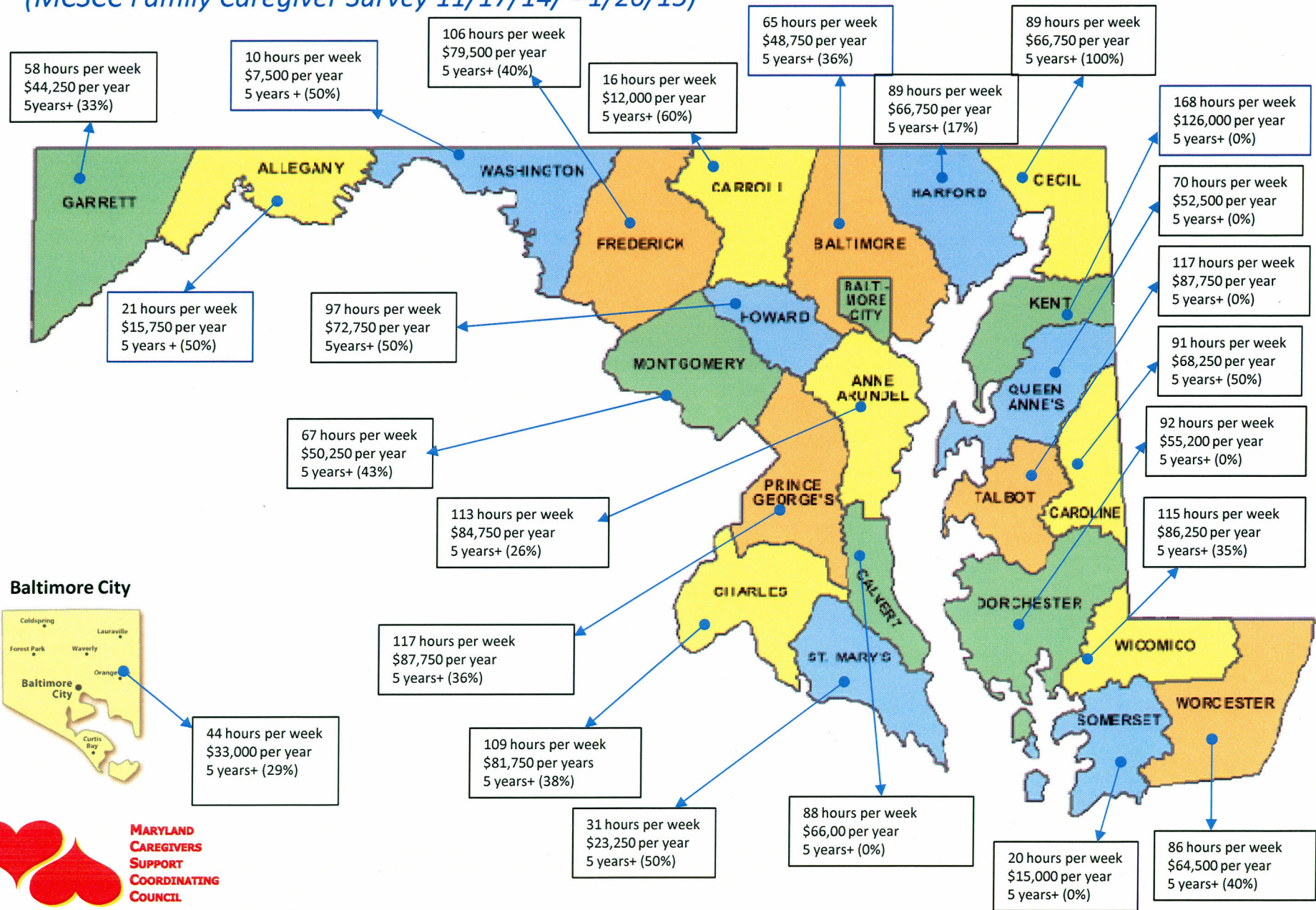
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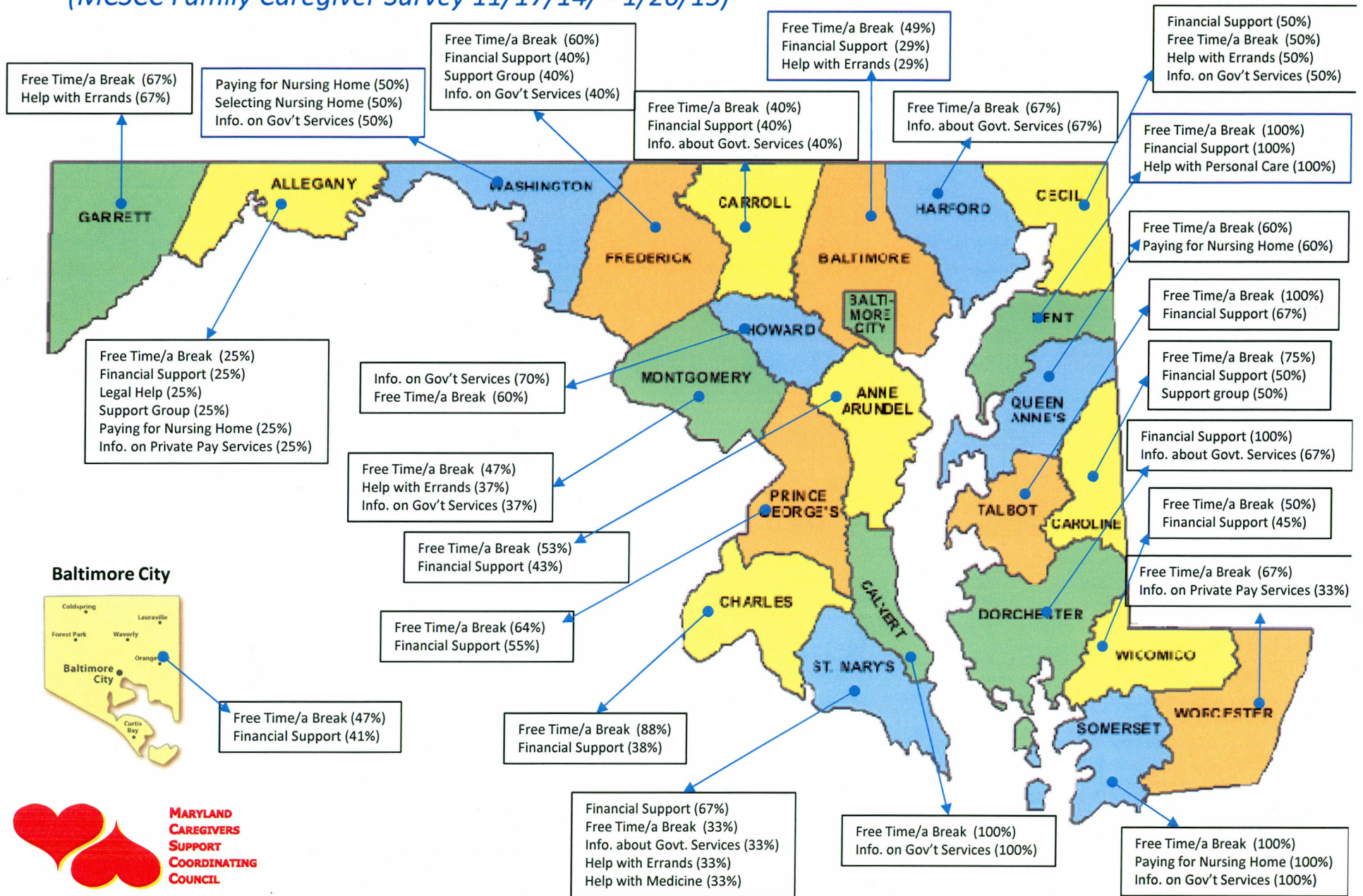
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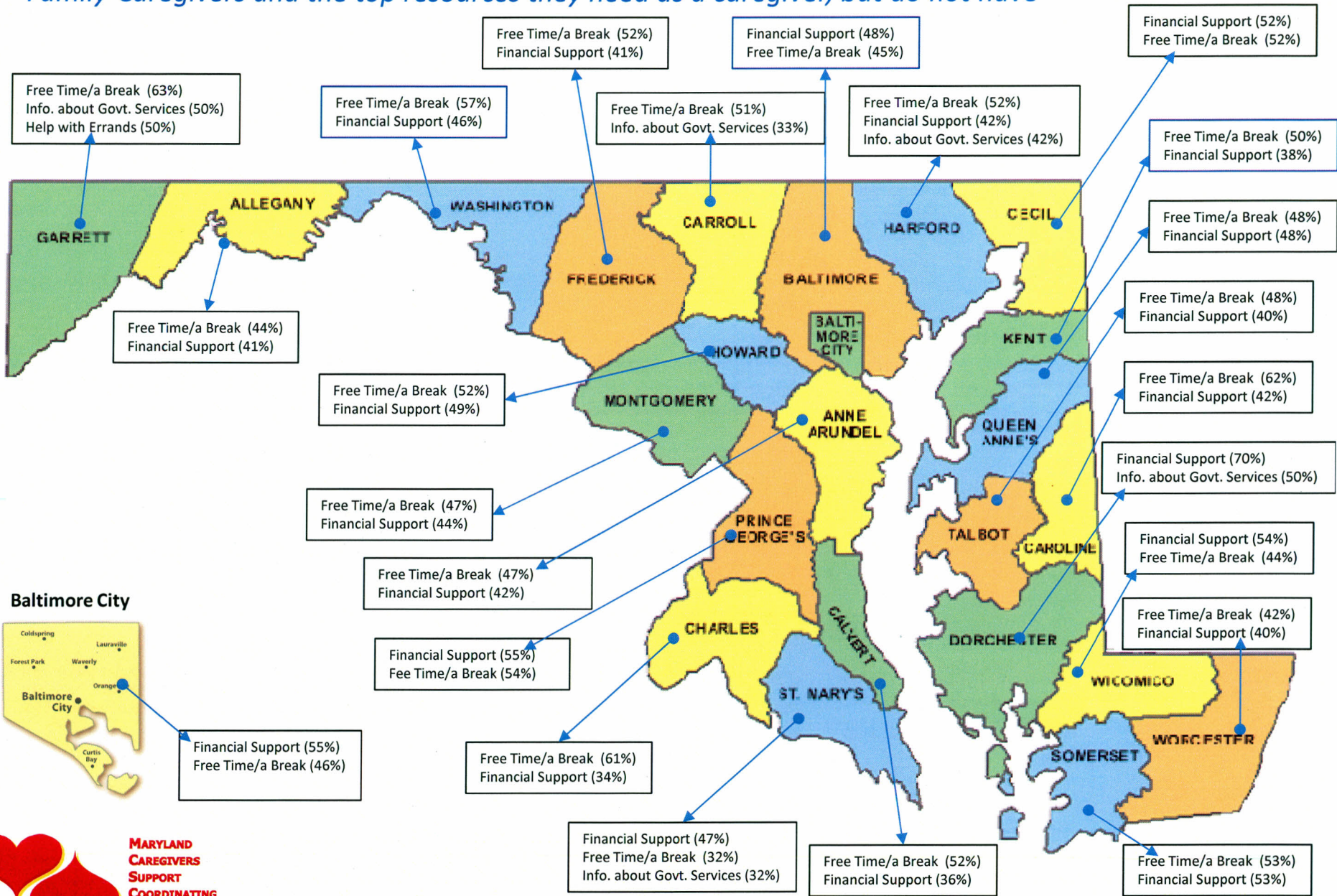
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Family Caregivers of Veterans and the top resources they need as a caregiver, but do not have (MCSCC Family Caregiver Survey 11/17/14/ - 1/26/15)



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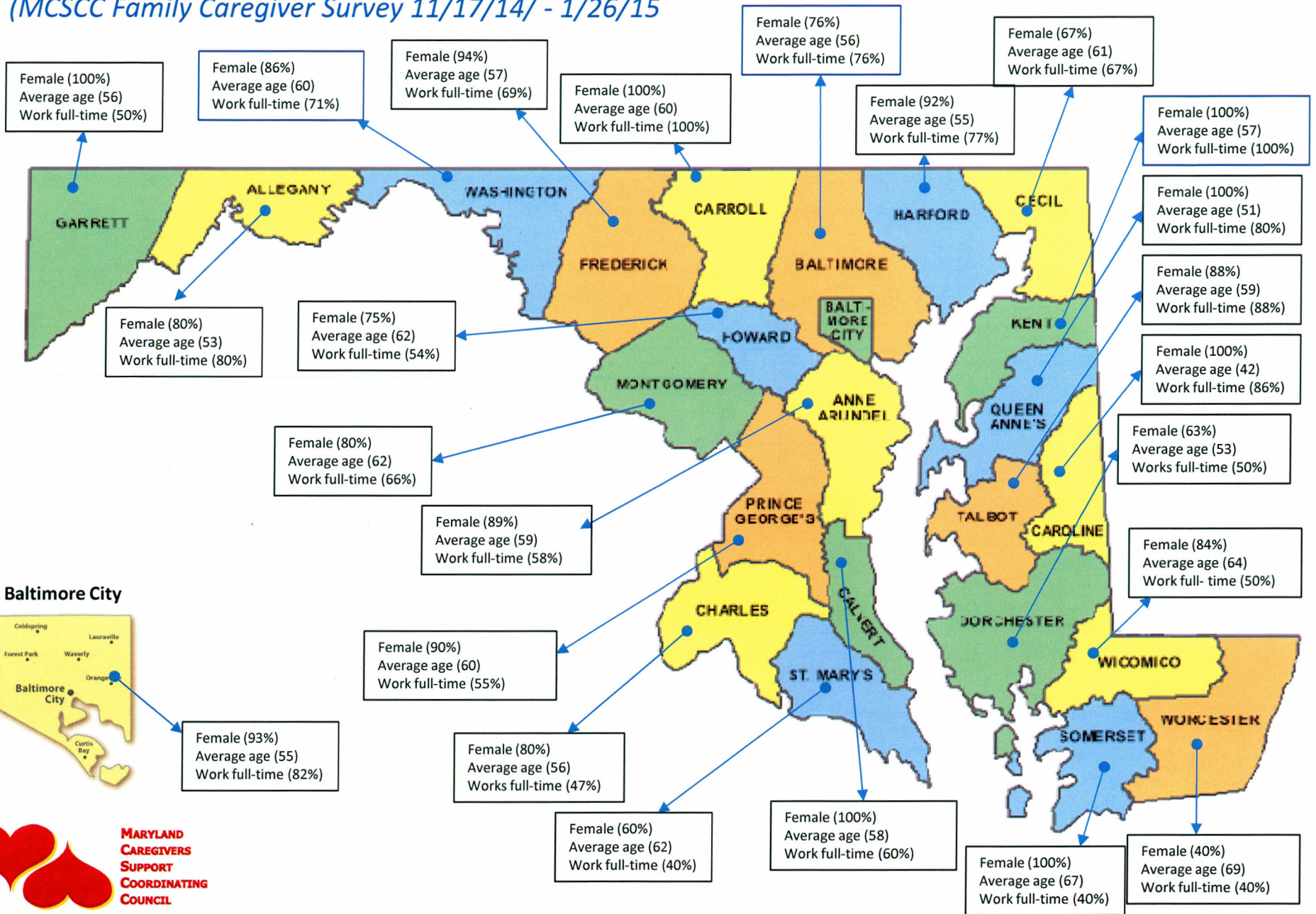
Financial Support (55%)
Free Time/a Break (46%)



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Alzheimer's Caregiver profile by age, gender, and employment status

(MCSCC Family Caregiver Survey 11/17/14/ - 1/26/15)

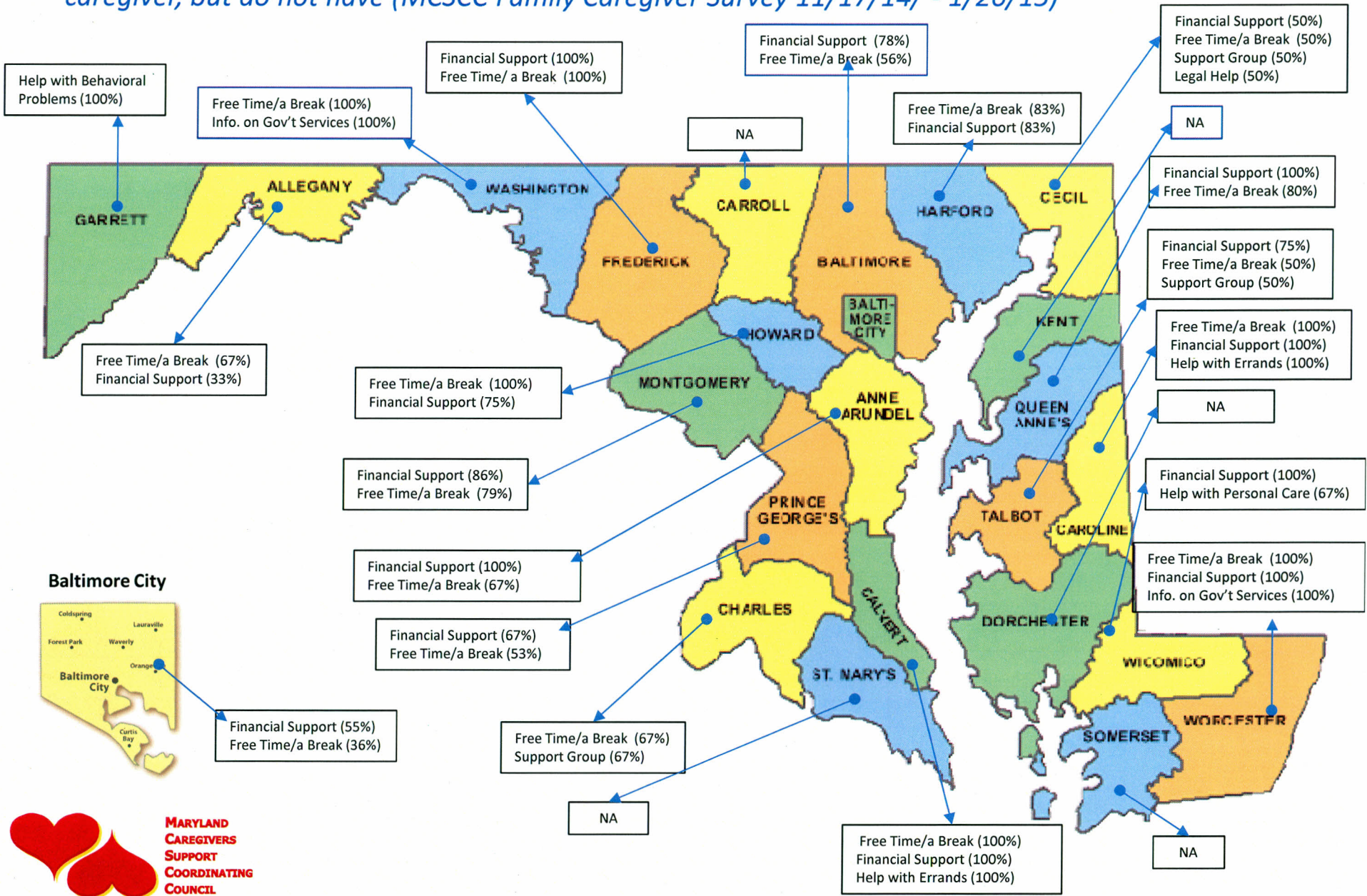


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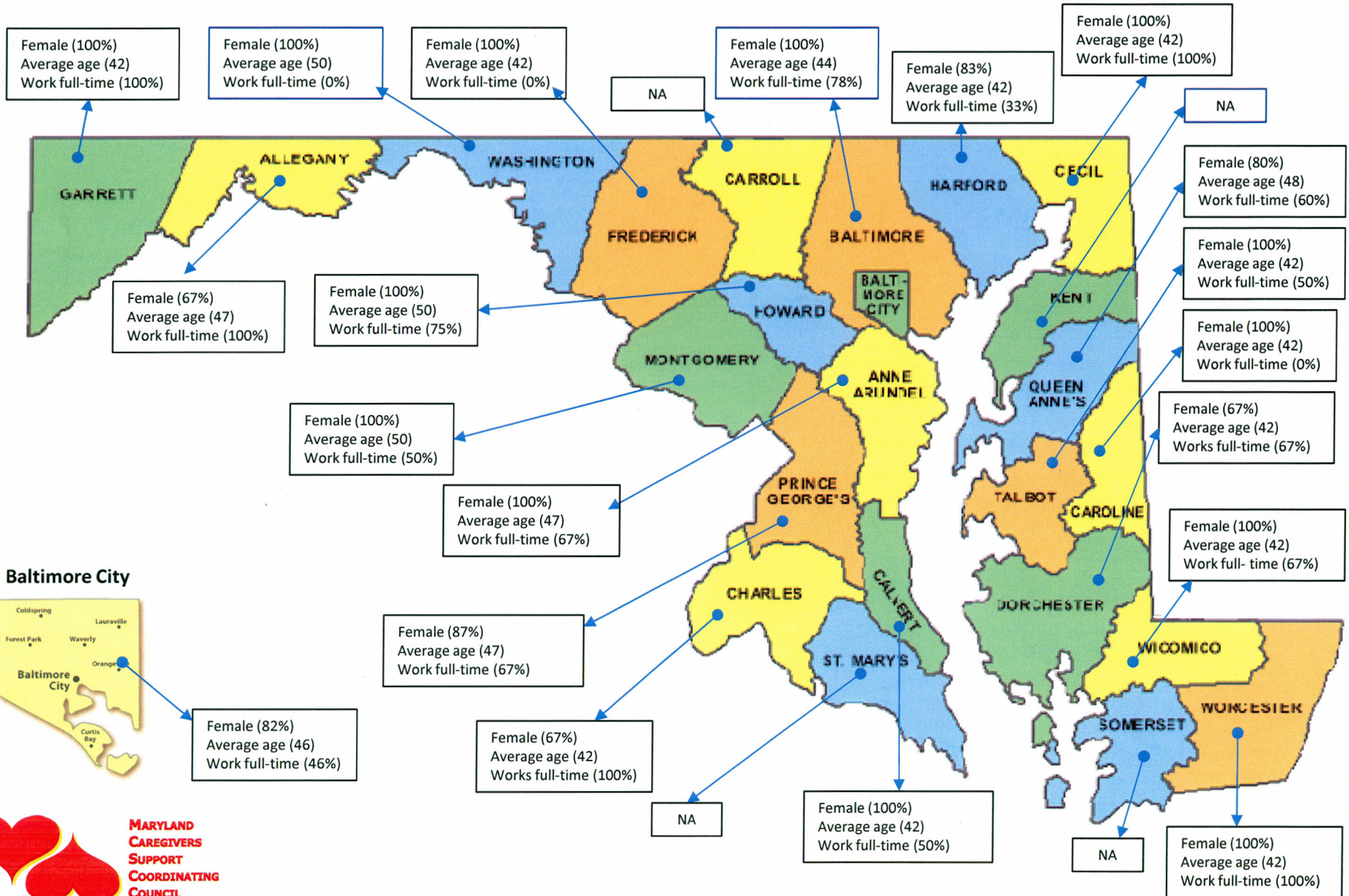
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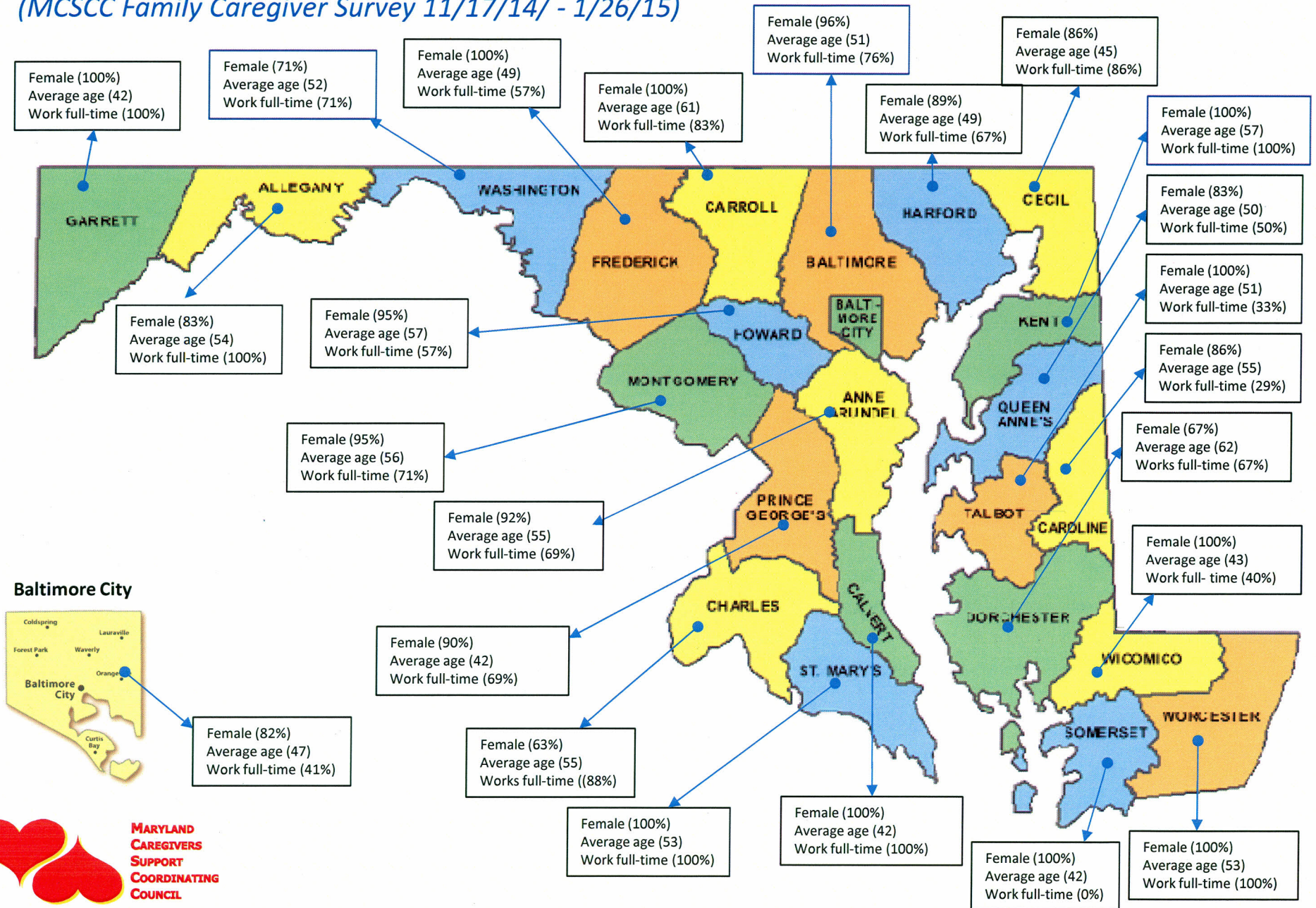
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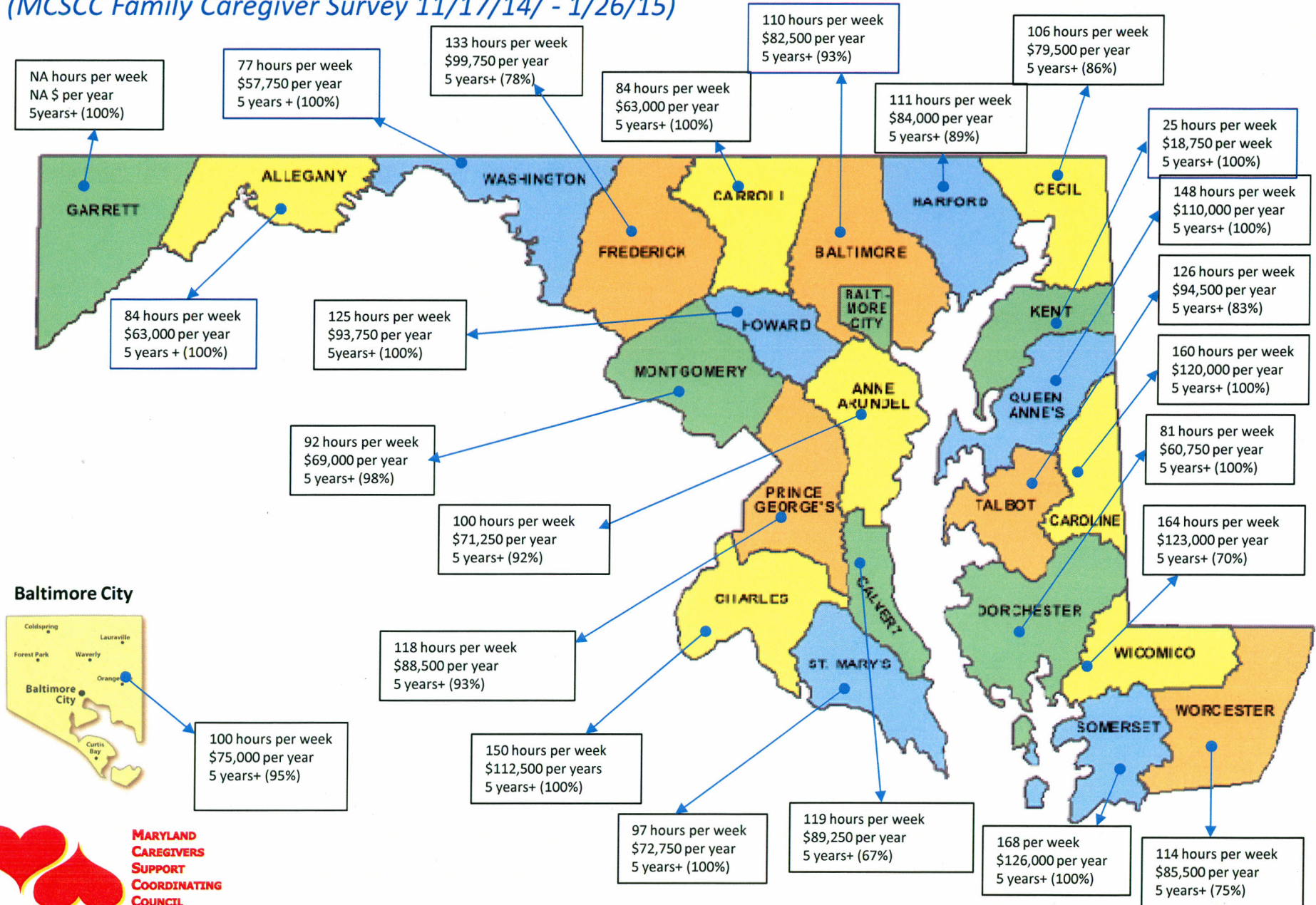
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Response by Jurisdiction: Caregivers of Veterans

*Veteran Caregiver profile by age, gender, and employment status
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