

# Family caregivers: Russian-speaking Australian women's access to welfare support

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**Research aim:**

This article explores how Australian social policy and women's understanding of their roles impact on their access to welfare support.

**Results/Conclusion:**

Women based their expectations of the gendered and private nature of their role on the social policies in countries of their origin and, hence, did not attempt to access welfare support unless they were referred by health and welfare professionals. In addition, poor referral by professionals, influenced by past societal attitudes that caregiving is a gendered role, contributed to women's limited access to welfare benefits.

**Implications:**

Changes in the implementation of social policy are proposed to increase caregivers' access to welfare support and efficient utilisation of existing resources.

**Cultural Group(s):**

Russian

**Location of study:**

Victoria (Melbourne)

**Age group:**

**Number included in study:**

8 Russian women/4 community care givers

**Type of participants:**

Russian speaking women involved in care giving, community service providers

**Research approach:**

Qualitative

**Type of data:**

Primary

**Secondary data sources used:**

**Specific scales or analytical techniques used:**

**Implications/ Recommendations:**

**Notes:**