

Caregivers Count! 10th Annual Conference Handout Packet



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The 7 Essential Tasks For Caregiver Emotional Survival

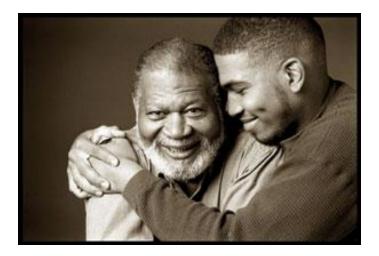
The over 40 million Americans who provide ongoing or occasional care foraging, ill or disabled loved ones experience a range of emotions, from sadness and guilt to joy and pride. In this plenary address, Barry J. Jacobs Psy.D.--a clinical psychologist, author of The Emotional Survival Guide for Caregivers, and an AARP.org columnist – will describe 7 tasks, including handling sacrifice and finding positive rewards, that are essential for all family caregivers to better manage their emotions and sustain themselves through caregiving. We'll share stories of common caregiver challenges and solutions for thriving during what may be a prolonged period of family loss and change.



The 7 Essential Tasks for Caregiver Emotional Survival

Barry J. Jacobs, PsyD Health Management Associates

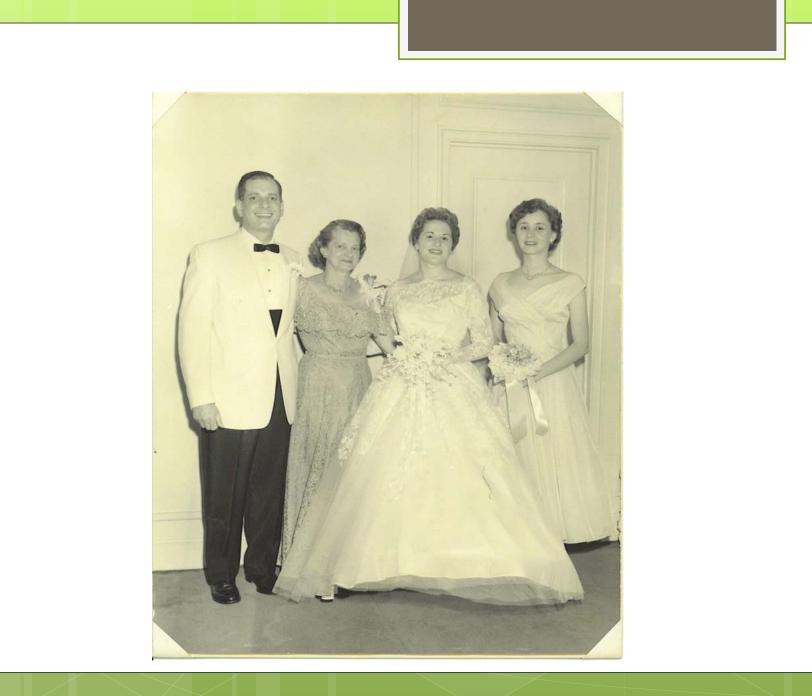
Today's Talk



- Caregiving in America
- Negative, positive effects
- Minimizing the strains, maximizing the gains
- 7 Essential Tasks
- Coping with Covid

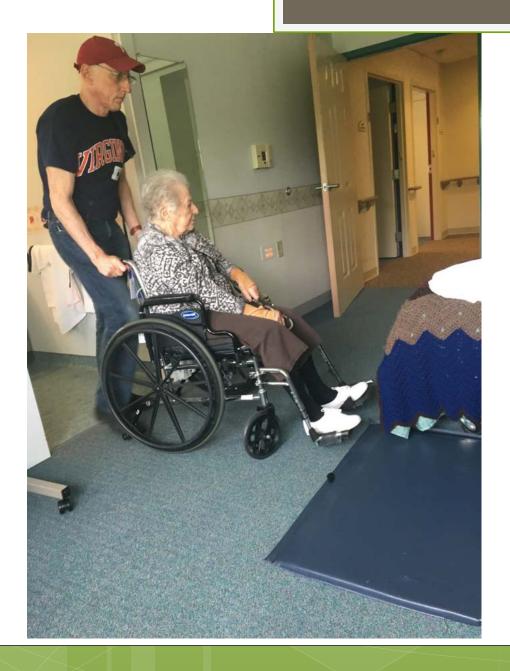












Family Caregiving in America

- 53 M Americans engage in some form of caregiving activity in a year (NAC/AARP, 2020)
- 40 M for adults over 50; 9 M for children
- Prevalence: 21.3% (18.2% in 2015)











60% women/40% men ¼ Millennials; ¼ Gen-Xers Average family caregiver: A 49year-old woman still working at least part-time and also caring for children—"sandwich generation"



Family Caregivers' Healthcare Roles (Wolff, Jacobs, 2015)

- Attendant
- Administrator
- Companion
- o Driver
- Navigator
- Technical Interpreter

- Patient
 Ombudsman
- Coach
- Advocate
- Case Manager
- Healthcare Provider

- NAC/AARP 2020: 21% of caregivers said their health was fair or poor (17% in 2015; 12% in US pop in 2020)
- Most stressed caregivers:
- Spouses, military, dementia



• Schulz: dementia caregiving associated with insomnia, depression, musculoskeletal problems, increased mortality





Roth: caregiving associated with increased lifespan, enhanced sense of purpose

From Wife of Alzheimer's Patient

• "I don't think anyone can understand the intense, crushing isolation and loneliness of caregiving unless they have 'walked a mile in our shoes.' I miss the intimacy we've had for more than 50 years, and I'm not talking about physical intimacy, although I miss that, too. I miss having someone to talk to or share a chuckle or one of our little 'inside' jokes. It's all gone! I'm not ready to ditch my marriage vows and dash out and have an affair, but I long to have a companion again--even someone to just stand and hold me while I cry the tears I've had to squelch and swallow for so long."

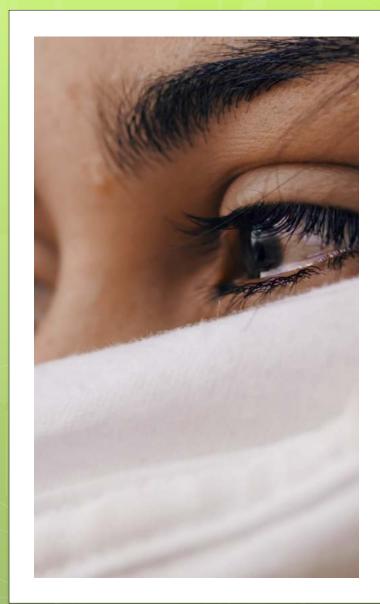
Family Caregiver Challenges: Isolation

 71 y.o. woman whose husband with FTD is home with her all the time now since adult day care is closed and she decided to not use aides at this time



Decreased services Loneliness --> shame Increased exposure to loved ones' deficits Increased despair

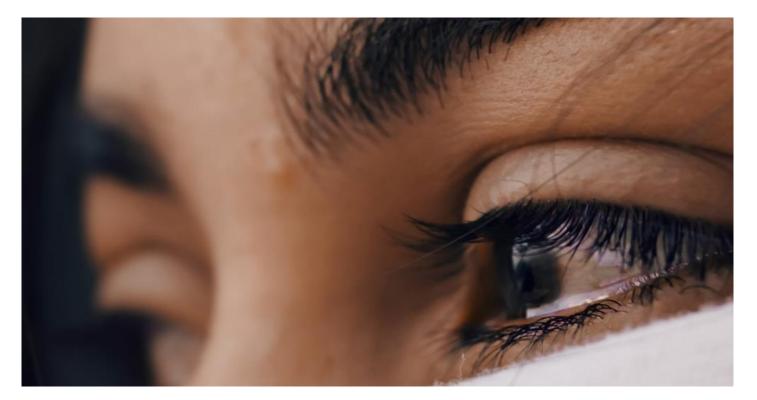




Coping with Distance

34 y.o. daughter whose mother has moderate dementia Mother is in a nursing home where some residents have had Covid

Guilt that she isn't there with mother Fear for mother's life Growing sense of anger and helplessness





Family disagreements

69 y.o. woman, caring for 92 y.o. father with dementia from a stroke, is being pressured by her son to allow him and his teenage children to visit their home Son believes that the danger from Covid is long past Teenage kids are back to playing basketball with friends She is uncertain whether it will be safe for her and father



•Caregiving brings "strains and gains"

 In the chat box, please type two or three words to describe your strains and gains
 Please don't hit ENTER yet

7 Essential Caregiving Tasks

- Define **commitments** realistically
- Utilize support
- Handle sacrifice through **meaning**making
- Weigh hope and acceptance
- Foster awareness and flexibility
- Protect intimacy
- Sustain the **spirit**

Marathon Metaphor

Caregiving as marathon, not sprint:



- Learn the up-hills and down-hills of the course
- Maintain sustainable pace
- Take any and all replenishment
- Run alongside others

Define Commitments

o "I feel I have to do this. But what's the right way to do it? How much should I do?"

 Take stock of individual and family development, resources
 Choose consciously to define commitments and limitations/necessary balance

Utilize Support

Our family takes care of its own. Besides, no one can take care of him as well as I can"

Accepting help almost feels shameful, disempowering
Use supports not to avoid care but to empower you to give care for as long as you choose

Our friends don't come around anymore. Who can I talk to?"

Social isolation increases duress
 Social support increases resilience
 3 circles of social support—

 -Immediate family
 -Extended family/neighbors/religious community
 -Professionals

Handle Sacrifice

- "This is hard. Too hard sometimes. Why am I devoting so much time and energy to caregiving?"
- Lack of purpose leads to greater likelihood of resentment and burnout
- Identify the positive meanings you derive from caregiving

o"Why do you do what you do for you loved one?"

•What are the values underlying your <u>choice</u> to give care?



• "Shortly after I was pregnant, I left my husband. And then after the child was born, I decided I was going to go back with him. And my parents knew it wasn't going to work. And my mother kept saying, 'You'll go back and have another baby.' And my father said to me, 'You can always come home. I don't care if you have 10 babies. You can always come home.' He left that door open for me. And I did just that. I went back and had another baby and came back with two babies. And, I'll never forget that. I always knew I could go home."

Weighing Hope and Acceptance

o"I don't like to think about his disease. It's too depressing."

 Cautious optimism promotes psychological health better than pessimism—but denial or minimization hinders preparation

• Using realistic stance to savor available time with family and friends Fostering Awareness And Flexibility

o"I just keep myself focused on what I have to do."

- Balance living one day at a time with future outlook
- Increased non-reactive awareness leads to more flexible and creative caregiving

Journaling Meditation/relaxation exercises Spiritual practices



Seeing the Forest

• "For me and many others, <u>caregiving</u> is a classic tree-and-forest scenario in which each tree, like each daily task, looms so large that it obscures awareness of the wider terrain and greater mission. I would get so caught up in the day-to-day frustrations that I sometimes lost sight of the purpose for all of my self-sacrifice — to help my mother live as well as possible in her last years."—Barry Jacobs, AARP.org

Protect Intimacy

o"I have to take care of my parent and have no time for my spouse."

Balance family roles and responsibilities
No one should be neglected
"Protected time" must be prioritized

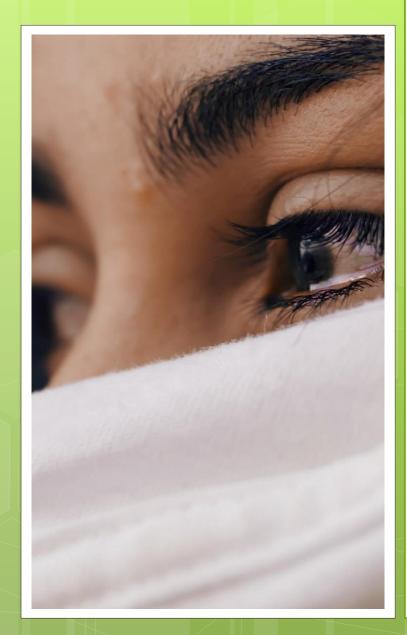
Sustain the Spirit

o"I'm angry at God."

- Punishment or test from God?
- When in doubt, seek religious counsel
- When feeling alone with illness, seek fellowship
- When belief falters, bolster action



Lower your standards and expectations. Take regular self-care breaks, even if you must be in the same room. Find simple ways to connect with care receiver and other family members



Accept realistic limits that you cannot change Use all available technology Journal your thoughts and feelings Connections are in the heart, if not in the room



Start with medical advice Consider available information about risks Weigh risks and benefits Respect your own expertise Lean on your sense of purpose

Summary

 Caregiving brings strains especially during the pandemic but also gains

- Be smart and strategic
- Seek the positive and transformative



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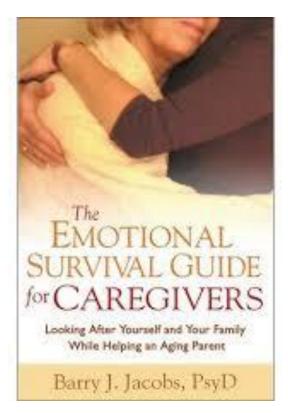




Practical, Emotional, and Spiritual Support for You and Your Family

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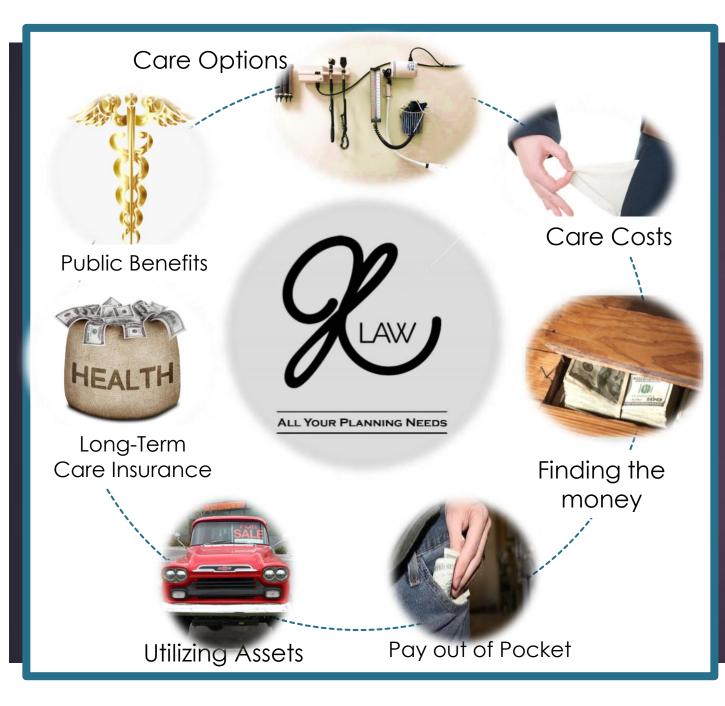




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Paying for Care

How do you find the money for care? Learn about the various options which include paying out of pocket, long-term care insurance, selling assets, borrowing against the house, and public benefits.



Paying for Care

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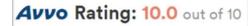


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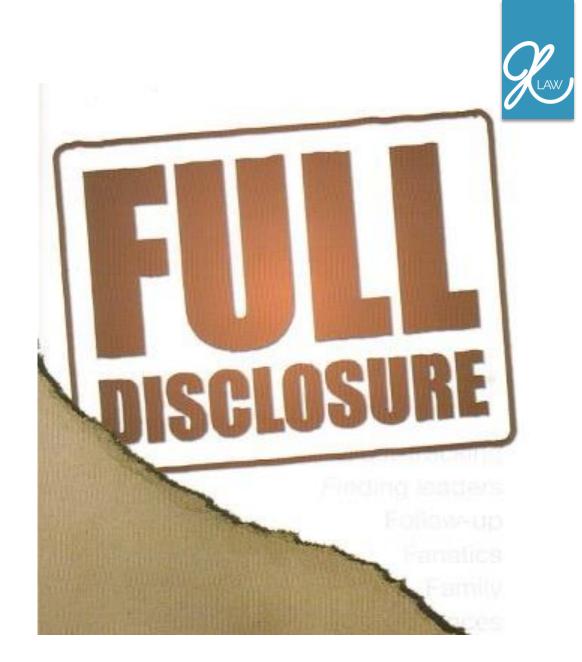


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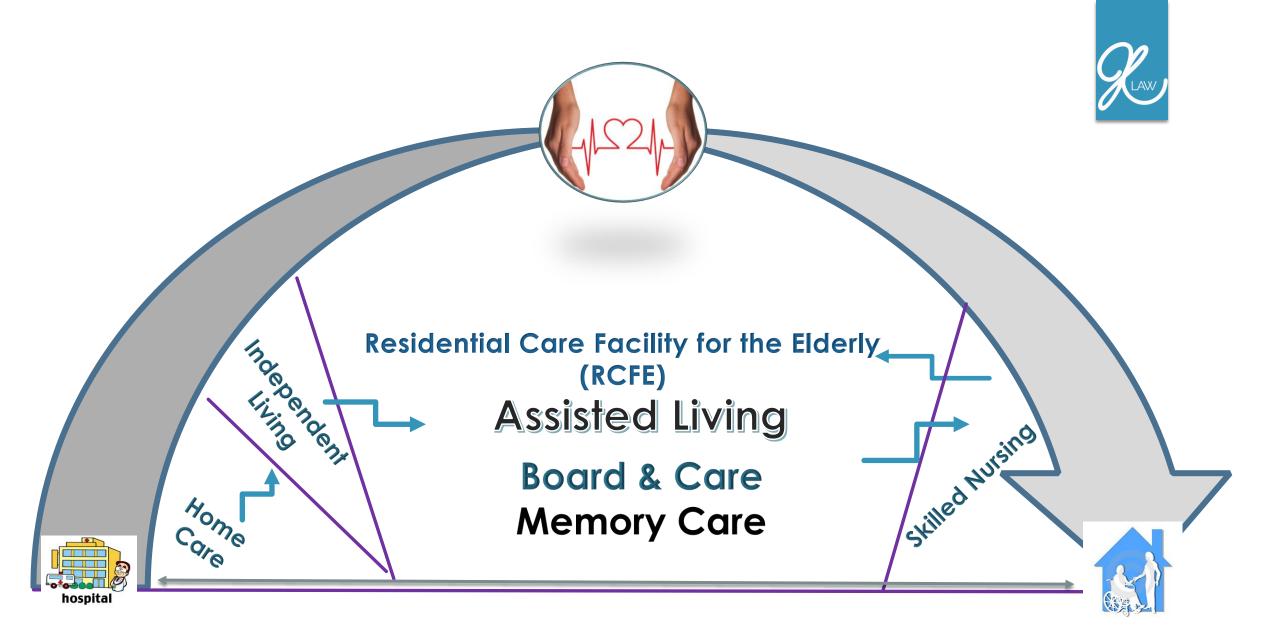


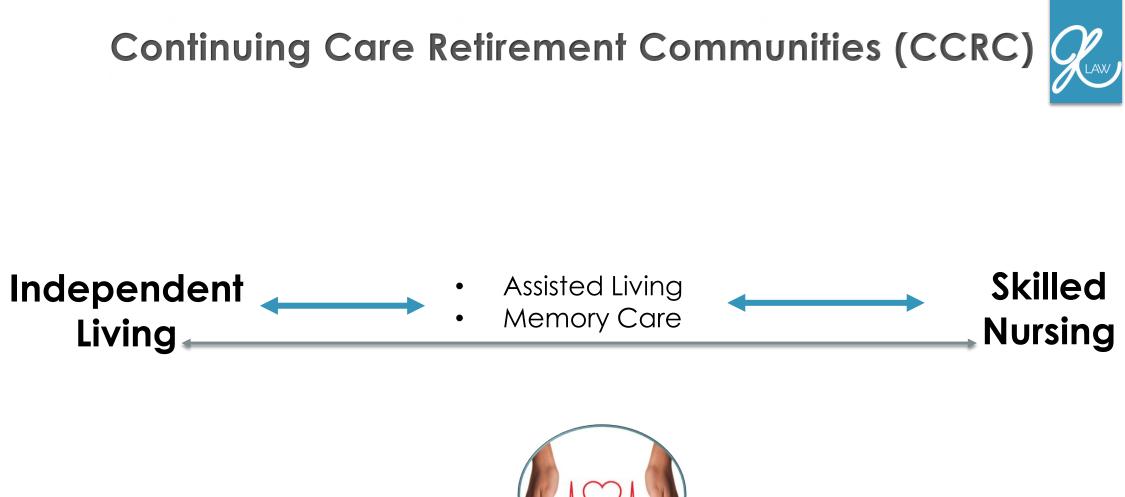
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Care Options





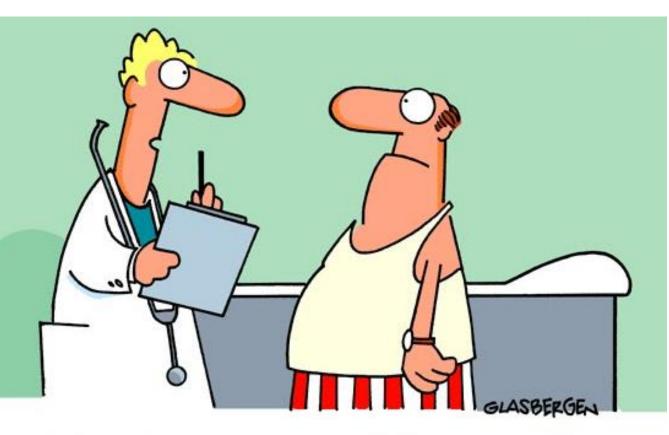




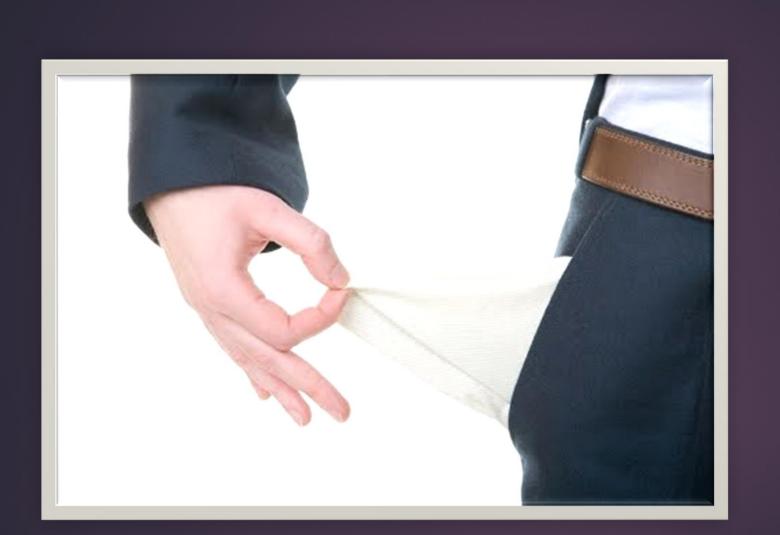
Long-Term Plan

- It is strongly suggested to plan while you still have time and capacity.
- That saying "Pay now, or pay later" rings true here

Speaking of paying, let's dive into costs of care and payment options...



"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"

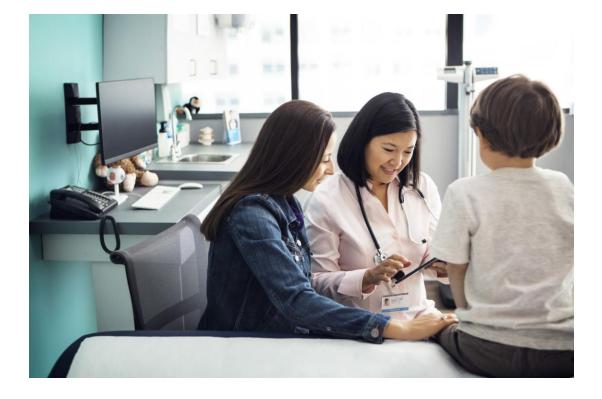


Care Costs





Long-Term Care



Wowza, That's A Iot!

Long-Term Care (California Average)



- 24/7 Home Care: \$21,900 a month
- Independent Senior Living Community: \$6,825
- RCFE
 - Assisted Living Facilities \$5, 595
 - Board and Care Homes \$6,750
 - Memory Care Facilities \$ 7,500 w/private rooms up to \$12,000
- Skilled Nursing Facility: \$10,298







Finding the Money



Finding the Money

- Paying out of pocket
- Utilizing Assets
 - Borrowing Against Assets
 - Liquidating Assets
- Long-term Care Insurance
- Public Benefits
 - Medi-Cal/Medicaid
 - Veteran's Aid & Attendance



Paying Out of Pocket



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Own Money

- Monthly Income
 - Social security, pension, RMD
- Cash Savings

Note: Often people begin their care journey in self pay while they work on more feasible means, this includes family members providing care or funds for care.

Utilizing Assets





Sell or Borrow Against Assets

- Stocks and Bonds
- Other Investments
- Vacation Property
- Home

Note: Consider income tax ramifications from selling.





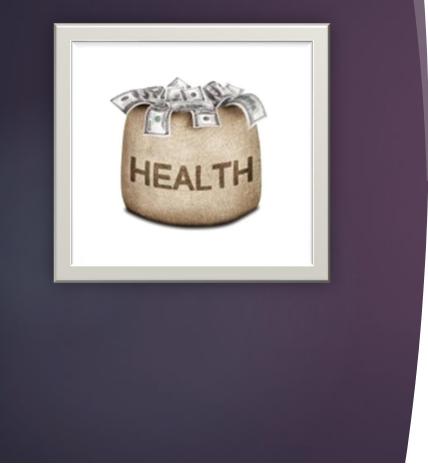
Traditional LTC Insurance Vs. New Hybrid LTC Insurance





Buying LTC insurance

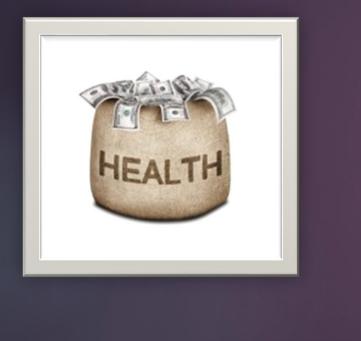
- Qualifying (Underwriting)
- Price/Paying premiums





Using LTC insurance

- When and what does it pay?
- Making claims
- Who does it pay?





What if you never need the LTC policy? Traditional Policy: "Use it or lose it" VS. Hybrid Policy: pays death benefit

Public Benefits





- Medi-Cal/Medicaid
- VA non-service connected pension



At this point questions arise... What about Medicare? Doesn't Medicare pay?

Medicare pays for **Short**-Term Care

Medicare- short-term care

- Pays up to 100 days of <u>SNF</u> care needed for rehab or medical care <u>following</u> a 3-day in-patient hospitalization:
 - Full pay for first 20 days
 - Daily co-payment required for remaining 80 days
- Pays for Hospice care at home or in an ALF or SNF for terminal patients:
 - Doctor Services on call 24/7
 - Nursing Care on call 24/7
 - Medical equipment & supplies
 - Prescription drugs
 - Hospice aide & homemaker services *neither full time nor permanent
 - Social worker services
 - PT, OT, ST
 - Short-term respite care (in SNF)*
 - Counseling- Dietary & grief/loss

Basic Eligibility Requirements ~

Long-term care Medi-Cal & VA pension

- Aged 65 or over or permanently/totally disabled
- 2. Limited Countable Assets/Net Worth
- 3. VA additional requirements
 - a. Active duty service in US military during war time period
 - b. Other -than dishonorable discharge
 - c. Income not set off by un-reimbursed medical and care expenses reduces benefit





Financial Eligibility for Medi-Cal & VA Benefits

Medi-Cal

- Unlimited exempt assets
- Countable Assets \$2,000 or less
- Well spouse additional countable assets of about \$128,000

VA (Non-service-connected pension)

- Unlimited exempt assets
- Countable NET WORTH of about \$129,000



Medi-Cal & VA Pension Exempt Asset: The residence

- Current primary residence
- Former primary residence if the individual has an intent to return home or is occupied by spouse or disabled child
- Property contiguous to the residence (VA limits to 2 acres)

Medi-Cal Additional Exempt Assets

- One-motor vehicle
- Retirement accounts
- Irrevocable trusts (that the applicant cannot access)
- Household belongings and personal effects
- Irrevocable burial accounts
- Cemetery lots
- Term life insurance (no cash value)
- Life insurance policy(ies) with cumulative face value less than \$1,500

VA Pension Additional Exempt Assets



- Household belongings and personal effects
- Cemetery lots
- Term life insurance and other assets with no cash value

Medi-Cal & VA Pension

Countable Assets

- Bank accounts
- Certificates of deposit
- Saving bonds
- Cash
- Additional real estate/ vehicles
- (Most) Annuities

- Stocks/ Bonds
- Investment accounts
- Mutual funds
- Money Market
- Cash value of life insurance

What if you have too many countable assets to qualify?

- 1. Liquidate and convert to exempt assets
- 2. Transfer/gift away to others

WARNING: Transfers/gifts subject to 30-60 month lookback penalty period

Advanced planning techniques may limit penalty period for Medi-Cal







Two Other Important Medi-Cal Rules

 Share of Cost Rule – co-payment determined by patient's income

2. Recovery (reimbursement) Rule



Medi-Cal LTC Benefit & VA Pension A&A Benefit

Medi-Cal Long-Term Care Program:

Pays <u>full cost</u> of medical and custodial care in a <u>Skilled Nursing Facility</u> that <u>exceeds patient's</u> <u>Share of Cost</u> (co-payment) at State Rate, which is about 60% of average private pay rate -

 Medi-Cal LTC <u>Waiver Programs</u>: MAY pay for some of custodial care costs at Home or in approved Assisted Living Facilities <u>that accept Medi-Cal</u>. Patient must otherwise require skilled nursing level of care and have \$zero share of cost – access to program also subject to waiting list and/or waiting period - not available in all counties

VA Pension with "Aid & Attendance" Program:

Pays monthly up to the prorated Maximum Annual Pension Rate (MAPR) determined by # of dependents -

- 2020 MAPR for married veteran who needs aid & attendance: \$2,266/mo
- 2020 MAPR for single veteran who needs aid & attendance: \$1,911/mo

It's A Wrap

Phew, we've gone over a lot!





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- Long-term Care Planning
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Christina Irving

Technology Tools

Gain a practical overview of how technology tools may help family caregivers provide care at home. Technology products like smart phone apps, communication aids, in-home sensors, and webcams can help make a home safer, and help reduce the caregiving workload. Learn how to determine what your needs are, the costs of techtools, privacy considerations, and ease of use.



Technology Tools for Family Caregivers

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Determining Your Needs

- What are your major challenges or needs?
 - Direct Care
 - Home and Safety
 - Community
 - Caregiver Support
- What would you want a product/service to do?
- Do you live with the person or are you caring from a distance?
- What level of cognitive impairment do they have?



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Cost

- What is the purchase price?
- Is there a monthly fee?
- Will this technology save you money?





Privacy

- How much information will be shared?
- Is the person needing care able to understand and consent?
- Who will be receiving alerts or messages?





Ease of Use

- How comfortable are you with technology?
- How difficult is it to install and maintain?
- Who can you call for assistance?
- Do you have the underlying infrastructure needed?

"Sometimes I think it would be nice to have had a child. You know, just for the tech support."



Choosing a Technology

- Finding what's available:
 - Internet search
 - Other caregivers, aging-services providers and websites
- Does the company seem reputable?
- Will it meet my caregiving needs?
 - What are the limitations and abilities of person using it?
 - What purpose do I want it to fulfill?



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Choosing a Technology

"Lending Libraries"

- Try before you buy
- Senior Centers
- Independent Living Resource Centers
 - AT Exchange:

exchange.abilitytools.org

Basic Voice Recorder by Olympus DP-201 - 111134

Available for Loan Central Coast Center for Independent Living Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties Salinas, CA

The Basic Olympus Voice Recorder Note Corder DP-201 has the ability to record 98 hours of High Quality Audio or 202 Hours of Low Quality Audio.

Big Track "Trackball" with switch - 128776

Out: Due Back 04/06/2016 Central Coast Center for Independent Living Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties Salinas, CA

The Bigtrack is a large trackball mouse. This particular model is switch access ready.

BigKeys Keyboard - 54966

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BigKeys KB Qwerty keyboard black/white/colored

Califone Voice Saver PA-282 Voice Amplification Device - 109085

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The Califone Voice Saver PA-282 is a Personal Amplification Device (PA) to be used by anyone that wants to project their voice. The Device comes with rechargable batteries/ Charger and Headset Microphone.



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Medication Management

- Alarm reminds users when to take medications
- Keep pill boxes locked until the appropriate time
- Can send alerts to caregiver
- Speak the prescription information out loud





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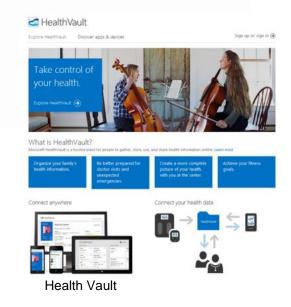
Direct Care

Health Care Management

- Monitoring vitals signs
- Online health information
- Telehealth
- Activity monitors

Personal Health Records

- Maintain health information
- Communicate/share records







Communication Aids

- Hearing tools
 - Hearing amplification
 - Visual alarms
- Low vision tools
 - Magnification software
 - Text-to-speech tools
- Speech enhancement tools
 - Voice amplifiers
 - Speech generating





Silver Magnifier



Entertainment

- Reminiscing with photos
- Music
- Old movies/TV shows



Grey Matters

• Exercise



- Online videos
- Senior center classes online



Daily Tasks

- Home delivery for meals, medications, supplies
- Transportation
- Personal care tasks

• Finding In-Home Care

- Attendant registries

Finances

- Pre-paid debit cards
- Online bill paying





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Home and Safety

Fall Detection

- Personal emergency response systems (PERS)
- Sensor pads and wheelchair alarms
- Wandering/Exit-Seeking
 - Door alarms
 - GPS products
 - Phone apps
 - Mobile PERS



The Cellular Classic System offers traditional in-home medical alert monitoring without the requirement of having a landline.

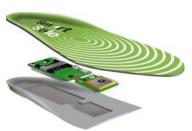




choose two: Wrist Button and/or Neck Pendant

Mobile Help

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Smart Sole



Home and Safetv

Home Monitors

- Webcams
- Audio monitors
- Motion detectors/lights



Home Sensor Systems



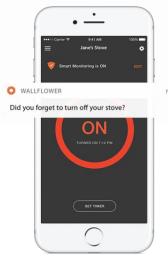
- "Smart homes"
- Environmental and activity sensors



Home and Safety

Cooking

- Automatic stove shut-offs
- Smart plugs with timers
- Motion sensors
- Knob covers









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Community

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Type an	event to enter, or a date to go to
THU	October 25
11:00 a 1:00 p	Visit Grandma at Hospital Anne David Ryan
5:00 p 6:00 p	Pick up Groceries for Grandparents Anne David
6:30 p 7:45 p	Provide Dinner to Grandpa Emily
FRI	October 26
7:00 a 7:30 a	All-Day Respite Retreat for Mom
5:15 p 5:45 p	Family Mtg w/ FCA Consultant
6:30 p 9:30 p	Family Movie Night
SAT	October 27

Week +

Show +

Care Coordination

- Information sharing
- Shared calendars and tasks
- Web-based sites and/or apps



Today



Community

Video Chatting

- Stay in touch with distant family and friends
- Visual check with care receiver
- Web-based sites and/or apps

Online Communities

- Support groups and forums
- Social network groups
- Connect with other caregivers
- Keep up to date with information



Caregiver Support

Stress Management

- Meditation and deep breathing apps
- Mood monitoring
- Journaling
- Physical Health
 - Exercise and nutrition apps
 - Sleep apps



Breathe 2 Relax



Caregiver Support

Telehealth Counseling

- Online or phone based
- HIPPA compliant/Privacy concerns
- State by state licenses
- USC Telehealth

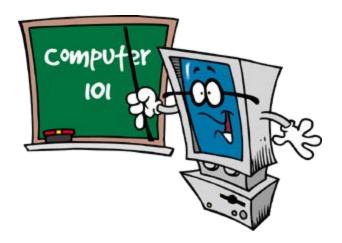


Breakthrough – MD Live



Where to Get Help

- Local senior center classes
- Public library
- Lifelong learning centers



FCA's homepage <u>caregiver.org</u>

Online Learning Center

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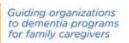
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For 40 years Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) has supported and sustained the important work of families and friends nationwide who care for adult loved ones with chronic, disabling health conditions.

- Subscribe to FCA enewsletters
- Online support groups for caregivers
- Share your caregiver story
- WE CALL IT caregiving
- Visit FCA's 40th Anniversary page

FCA CareJourney video and join/



Best Practices for Professionals

An easy-to-use, data-rich resource that offers providers detailed information on more than 40 proven dementia care giving programs located across the U.S.:

- Compare programs by feature
- Select programs that best match your client

Learn from key research studies & real-world experiences

Visit Now

Welcome to FCA CareNav, a secure online service for quality information, support, and resources for family caregivers of adults with chronic physical or cognitive conditions such as Alzheimer's, stroke, Parkinson's, and other illnesses.

Learn more about CareNav with this short interactive video and demonstration.



Pandu to start your CareMay?

FSA Learning Center

The FCA Learning Center is our new home for caregiver education! With resources from FCA's vast library of caregiving knowledge visit the Learning Center to read, watch, listen, and learn online from anywhere at anytime. Drop in now!



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DASHBOARD

- FCA Resource Specialist
- Resources
- Messaging begins for those eligible



Nicole's Dashboard

Welcome back!

Based on your CARE REVIEW responses we have provided some suggested resources and support options in the "My Resources" box on the right.

An FCA Resource Specialist will be assigned to support you.

You can also reach an FCA Resource Specialist at the number under "My Support Team" if you need more immediate assistance.

Inbox New Message	Massage	PLANNING FOR CARE Legal Planning for Incapacity	
Search Q		SELF CARE Emotional Side of Caregiving	
		DIRECT CARE Caregiver's Guide to Understanding Dementia Behaviors	
		GENERAL About Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA)	
	Ŷ	RESOURCE LOCATOR National Care Resources	
		SMART PATIENTS	

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DASHBOARD

My Support Team

Dad Michael

415.434.3388 800.445.8106

My Resources

FCA Resource Specialist

Caregiver
 Nicole Caregiver
 Currently Caring For

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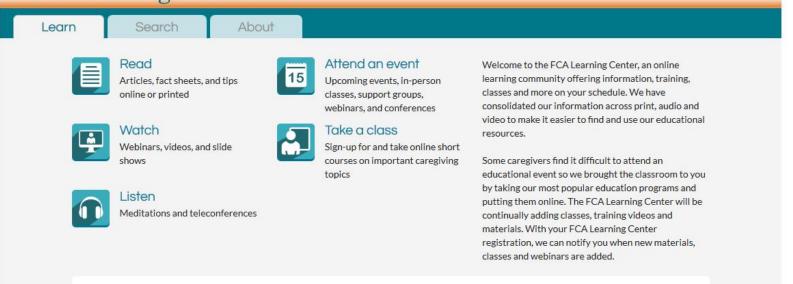
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Family Caregiver Alliance is a public voice for caregivers, illuminating the daily challenges they face, offering them the assistance they so desperately need and deserve, and championing their cause through <u>education</u>, <u>services</u>, <u>research</u> and <u>advocacy</u>.

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Social Media Channels:

Facebook <u>Twitter</u> <u>YouTube</u> <u>LinkedIn</u> • FCA established the <u>National Center on</u> <u>Caregiving</u> (NCC), to advance the development of high-quality, cost effective programs and policies for caregivers in every state in the country. The NCC sponsors the <u>Family Care Navigator</u>, a state-by-state resource locator designed to help caregivers locate support services in their communities.

• FCA also operates the <u>Bay Area Caregiver</u> <u>Resource Center</u> in the six-county San Francisco Bay Area. The staff of family counselors works closely with families caring for ill or elderly loved ones. Our services, education programs and publications are developed to offer these families direct support, vital information, and effective tools to manage the complex and demanding tasks of caregiving.

Technology Tools for Caregivers Examples of Available Tools

Family Caregiver Alliance

The world of technology changes quickly and new tools and apps are created regularly. Below are some examples of tools that currently exist, but this is by no means an exhaustive list. Prices are listed where applicable and were accurate at the time this handout was updated. FCA doesn't endorse any specific product or service.

Direct Care

Medication Management

- Medminder Automatic medication dispenser ; \$50/month and up depending on features; www.medminder.com (Product)
- Medisafe Medication reminders; Free app for Android and iPhone; <u>www.medisafeapp.com</u> (App)
- ScripTalk Audible prescription bottle system; may be free from pharmacy; www.envisionamerica.com/products/scriptability/ (Product)
- MedReady Inc Automatic medication dispenser; \$150 and up for equipment, no monthly cost for nonmonitored, \$16/mo for monitored; <u>www.medreadyinc.net</u>, (Product)
- PillPack Medication delivery service that presorts meds; regular copays if they accept your insurance; <u>www.pillpack.com</u>, (Service)
- Reminder Rosie Voice-controlled reminder system; \$80 and up; <u>smpltec.com/reminder-rosie</u> (Product)

Health Care Management

- Symple Tracks symptoms and other health signs; Free for basic version; iPhone; <u>www.sympleapp.com</u> (App)
- Heal Telehealth medical visits; accepts some insurance and Medicare plans or \$79; <u>heal.com</u> (App or Website)
- Doctor on Demand Video conference with doctor, therapist, psychiatrist; some insurance and Medicare plans accepted or \$75 and up/visit; <u>www.doctorondemand.com</u> (App or Website)

Personal Health Records

- WebMD Health Manager Online health record; <u>www.webmd.com/phr</u>
- Everplans Online financial and legal planning document storage; \$75/year; www.everplans.com
- MyDirectives Digital platform for advance care planning; free; website and iPhone app; www.mydirectives.com

Communication Aids

- TV Ears Hearing amplification tool for tv; \$130 and up; available at electronic stores/online (Product)
- Pocketalker Personal hearing amplification; \$140 and up; available at electronic stores/online (Product)
- Telephone amplifiers \$20 and up from electronic stores (Product)
- The Bean Quiet Sound Amplifier in ear sound booster; \$230 and up; <u>www.etymotic.com</u> (Product)
- California Telephone Access Free specialized phones; <u>www.californiaphones.org</u>
- Verbally app Speech-generating app; free for iPad; Premium version costs \$99 (App)

Entertainment

- Grey Matters Free iPad app; upload pictures and create music playlists; \$5 monthly subscription; www.greymatterstous.com (App)
- SingFit App designed for iPhone or iPad; sing along with or record songs; free to download app with limited songs but \$4.99/mo for full song library; www.singfit.com/ (App)
- Joy For All Companion Pet Robotic cat or dog that purrs; \$65-130 joyforall.hasbro.com, (Product)
- Well Connected Telephone or online senior activity program; free; <u>www.covia.org/services/well-connected</u> (Phone or Online)
- Miigen Digital time capsules; free app for Phone or iPad; <u>www.miigen.com/</u>, (App)

Daily Tasks

- Task Rabbit App for iPhone and Android used to find and hire individuals to perform chores and tasks; cost varies by task; <u>www.taskrabbit.com</u>; (App and Service)
- Instacart Website and app for iPhone and Android; order from local stores for delivery; costs based on prices of product, order size, and delivery time; <u>www.instacart.com</u> (App and Service)
- Shortcut App for iPhone and Android; find a barber or hairstylist that will do home visits; limited locations; cost varies by cut but starts at \$40-50; <u>www.getshortcut.co</u> (App and Service)
- GoGo Grandparent Phone based service to connect seniors to on-demand ride services; cost is price of ride plus \$0.27/minute for concierge; gogograndparent.com (Service)
- Liftware Stabilizing utensils; \$195 for starter kit, \$35 for additional attachments; <u>www.liftware.com</u> (Product)
- Gillette Treo Razor designed for assisted shaving; \$8 for a 4 pack; www.gillettetreo.com (Product)

Home Care

- CareLinx Home care provider registry and service; cost varies depending on provider; 20% service fee covers payroll and tax processing as well as background checks; <u>www.carelinx.com/</u> (App and Service)
- Care.Com Home care provider registry and services; cost varies depending on provider plus monthly subscription fee; <u>www.care.com</u> (Service)

Home and Safety

Fall Detection

- Mobile Help PERS; \$25/month and up, <u>www.mobilehelp.com</u> (Product)
- Sensor Pad Alarms Fall detection/motion pads; some have remote alarms; \$120 and up; medical supply stores and websites (Product)
- Wheelchair Alarms Fall detection; \$35 and up; medical supply store and websites (Product)
- Safe Wander Small button sensor worn on patient sends alert when person gets up; \$200; requires app on phone also; <u>www.safewander.com/</u> (Product)

Wandering/Exit Seeking

- Theora Care GPS Locator Watch \$370 for watch, \$35/mo for monitoring; Alzheimer's Store (Product)
- GPS Smart Sole Insole for shoes; \$300 per pair; \$30/month; <u>www.gpssmartsole.com</u> (Product)
- Life 360 App for Android and iPhone; tracks other phones that are in your network; free for basic (App)
- iTraq Tracking device with app for iOsS or Android to track motion; geofencing; SOS button; \$130 upfront and \$8/mo; <u>www.itraq.com/</u> (Product)
- Simpl Alerts Door alarms and motion sensors with remote alarms; \$40 and up depending on features; smpltec.com/wander-alert (Product)

Home Monitors/Sensor Systems

- Motion Detector with Remote Alarm \$60 and up; home improvement stores and <u>www.alzstore.com</u> (Product)
- Tru Sense Home sensor system; includes Amazon Echo Dot; can add GPS devices also; \$299 and up for product; \$40/month; <u>www.mytrusense.com</u> (Product)
- Safe In Home Home sensor system; \$80/month and up; <u>www.safeinhome.com</u> (Product with app)
- Ask My Buddy Service that connects with Alexa or Google Home to call for help from contact list; free for 10 messages then \$3-6/month for more; must have Amazon Alexa or Google Home; <u>www.askmybuddy.net/</u> (Service)
- Presence Family Home sensory system; \$300 for system and \$100/month; presencefamily.com (Product)
- teleCalm Prevents incoming calls unless from an approved list; replaces existing phone service; \$50/mo; www.telecalmprotects.com/ (Product and Service)

Stove Safety

- CookStop Uses motion sensors to determine if someone has left the kitchen unattended for too long a time period and will then shut off the stove; electric stove only; \$389 and up; <u>www.cookstop.com/</u>
- Wallflower Sounds alert behind the stove when it has been left on for longer than normal, also sends alert to phone; electric stove only; \$149; <u>wallflower.com</u>
- iGuard Uses motion sensors to determine if someone has left the kitchen unattended and will shut off the stove; available for gas and electric but gas stove product has additional step to initiate use; \$595 for electric, \$695-725 for gas; <u>iguardfire.com</u>

Community

Care Coordination

- CareZone Free site with app for Android and iPhone: <u>carezone.com/home</u> (Website and App)
- Lotsa Helping Hands Free site with app available; <u>www.lotsahelpinghands.com</u> (Website and App)
- Cozi Free site with app for Android and iPhone; <u>www.cozi.com</u> (Website and App)

Video Chatting

- Skype Free; <u>www.skype.com</u>
- Google Hangout Free; <u>hangouts.google.com/</u>
- Facetime Free; iPhone, iPad or Mac; <u>www.apple.com/mac/facetime/</u>

 Amazon Echo Show – Allows video calls between 2 devices; Drop-In feature connects to another device linked in your account automatically; \$130 and up; <u>www.amazon.com</u> (Product)

Online Communities

- Alzheimer's Association Message boards; <u>www.alzconnected.org/</u>
- Family Caregiver Alliance Online support groups via email; <u>www.caregiver.org/support-groups</u>
- Smart Patients Online support group communities grouped by diagnosis and caregiving; www.smartpatients.com

Caregiver Support

Stress Management

- Breathe2Relax Deep breathing app; free for Android and iPhone (App)
- Virtual Hope Box Self-care tools and activities that can be personalized; on Android and iPhone (App)
- Sanvello Meditation practice app; also features journaling and symptom tracking features; free to download and use but some features require subscription of \$9/month; on Android and iPhone; www.sanvello.com/ (App)
- UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center Free guided meditations; <u>www.marc.ucla.edu</u> (App and website)
- T2 Mood Tracker Monitor and track moods; Free app for Android and iPhone (App)
- Penzu Free private online journal with apps available for Android and iPhone; <u>www.penzu.com</u>
- Daily Caring Website and newsletter with tips for caregivers; <u>www.dailycaring.com</u>

Physical Health

- My Fitness Pal Track exercise and food; free app for Android and iPhone (App)
- Sleep Blue App (iPhone) and Twilight app (Android) Adjusts level of blue light on your phone to help reset circadian rhythm; has white noise or sound features (App)

More Information

Where to Browse Products

- Tech Care techcarehq.com/
- Alzheimer's Store <u>www.alzstore.com</u>
- Tech Enhanced Life <u>www.techenhancedlife.com</u>

Where to Get More Help

- Check out your local library or senior center. Most offer classes or groups on using computers or technology.
- California Department of Aging Resources to Bridge the Digital Divide; <u>aging.ca.gov/covid19/Digital_Divide/</u>

Barry Jacobs

Learning to Live and Cope with High Stress

Family caregiving can be joyful but is almost always still stressful. In this interactive workshop, Dr. Barry J. Jacobs, a noted clinical psychologist and family therapist will discuss ways that caregivers can change their reactions to caregiving's challenges if they can't change caregiving's arduous circumstances. We'll practice breathing exercises, visualization, the 5 Senses and other forms of mindfulness that caregivers can easily learn and incorporate into their daily routines to better manage stress.

HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

Reducing Family Caregiver Stress

By Barry J. Jacobs, Psy.D. loctober 3, 2020

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W W W . H E A L T H M A N A G E M E N T . C O M

- + What is stress?
- + Changing your situation
- + Changing your reaction
- + What is mindfulness?
- + 4 Mindfulness exercises



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• Please rate your current stress level from 1 to 10. (1 is no stress; 10 is severe stress)

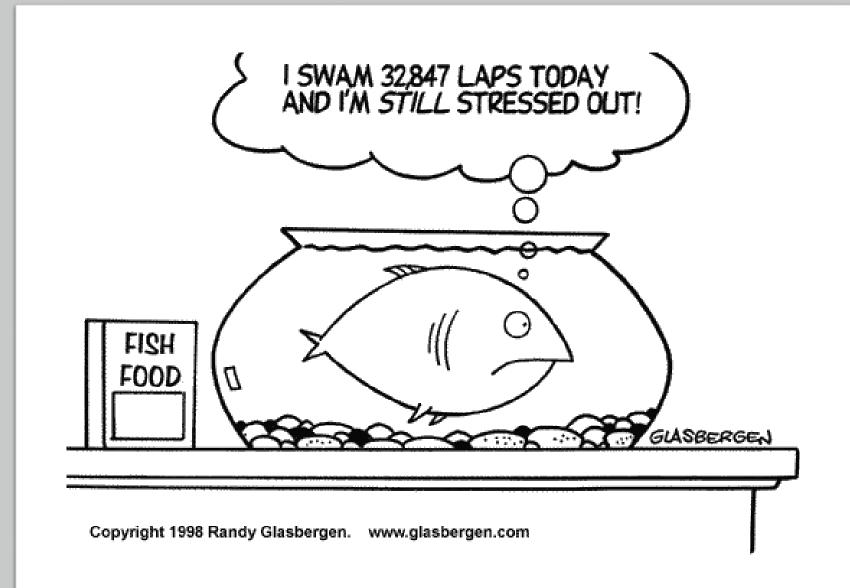
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HOW NOT TO MANAGE STRESS

- Overeating
- Over-spending
- Excessive tobacco and alcohol use
- Drug use
- Sexual promiscuity
- Picking a fight with your spouse
- Yelling at your care recipient

Physical Exercise, Anyone?





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WHAT IS STRESS?

The normal strain of having to adapt to any change

Negative changes (e.g., lose job) or positive changes (e.g., get married)

Novelty

Unpredictability

Threat to routine, comfort or safety

Sense of loss of control

EFFECTS GOOD AND BAD

Stressful event sets off cascade of hormonal changes in body causing our hearts to beat faster, increased breathing, increased blood flow to muscles and heart

Men: "fight or flight" response

Women: "fight or flight" followed by "tend and befriend"—seeking affiliation to decrease stress

EFFECTS (cont.)

- Good effects—stress response prepares us to take swift action
- Inverted "U"—too little and too much stress not good for performance
- Bad effects—feelings of tension, irritability, mood swings, decreased concentration, decreased memory, distractibility, feeling overwhelmed



EFFECTS (cont.)

- Prolonged or severe stress increases for:
- Anxiety and depression
- Decreased immune system functioning
- Digestive problems
- Asthma attacks
- Skin disorders
- Increased pain perception
- Heart attacks, strokes



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• What do you do to manage the stress of your caregiving situation?

• Please type your answer in the chat box but don't hit ENTER yet



Changing Your Caregiving Situation

- Modify medical condition
- Use technology, PT/OT to decrease functional demands
- Create new efficiencies
- Reduce your responsibilities through enlisting family members, hiring professionals or empower care recipient to do more (if possible)

Changing Your Reaction: Basic Self-Care



- Biology: sleep, food, drink exercise
- Psychology: thoughts, feelings, beliefs
- Social: isolation vs. connection, conflict vs. harmony



Changing Your Reaction: Mindfulness

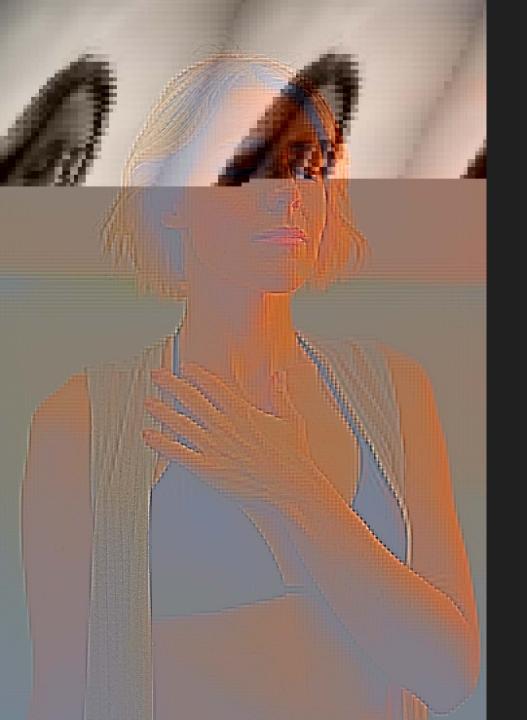
- Not regretting the past nor worrying about the future
- Keeping your attention focused on the present moment
- "Non-reactive awareness"
- Creates greater resilience, gratitude

5 Senses Exercise

- First, notice 5 things you can see
- Second, notice 4 things you can feel
- Third, notice 3 things you can hear
- Fourth, notice 2 things you can smell
- Finally, pay attention to 1 thing you can taste

Diaphragmatic Breathing

- Find comfortable position
- Breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth
- Take air into you belly so that it rises with each inhalation and falls with each exhalation
- Breathe in a steady rhythm that feels comfortable to you



Body Scan



Visualization



Thoughts? Questions?

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Alex Morris

Dealing with Parents and Resistance

Alex has a Master's degree and is a credentialed gerontologist with 25 years of experience working with individuals and families affected by dementia. She was the director of an assisted living, adult day program, a weekend retreat or brain injured adults and a State Certified Ombudsman. Alex has facilitated an early stage support group, interacting with people living with dementia on a weekly basis for the past 8years.For the past 20 years, Alex has provided community and professional education for the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California.

Dealing with Parents with Resistance



ALEXANDRA MORRIS

CREDENTIALED PROFESSIONAL GERONTOLOGIST

CERTIFIED GERIATRIC CARE MANAGER

What we will cover

Physical and cognitive challenges of aging

Discuss the factors that lead to resistance in caregiving with aging parents

Approaches and techniques that will assist you in gaining cooperation

Reasonable expectations for them and you

Todays presentation is NOT about elder abuse, undue influence, acute situations or decades of disfunction

"Nobody Here Gets Out Alive"

~ Jim Morrison

Live healthy and die suddenly or after a short illness

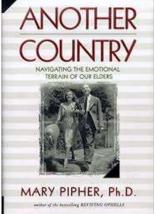
OR

Get older, live with multiple chronic illnesses, become weaker and require assistance

Concepts of Young Old and Old Old

The time for planning and beginning to use services is Young Old





What are our long term care choices as we age?

Remain in home, Move in with relatives, Senior Living Facilities







Services in Senior Independent Living Communities

Meals

Socialization

Activities in and out of the facility

Shopping Trips

For extra \$ laundry and housekeeping



Services in Senior Assisted Living Communities

Meals

Socialization

Activities in and out of the facility

Shopping Trips

Laundry and housekeeping

Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL's)

Limited monitoring for safety and comfort



Remaining in your Home Successfully, Assistance with:

Meals

Socialization

Activities in and out of the home

Shopping Trips

Laundry and housekeeping

Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL's)

Some monitoring for safety and comfort

Maintenance of home and yard



Physical, emotional and cognitive changes that will necessitate assistance by others

Chronic illnesses; such as diabetes, heart disease and kidney failure

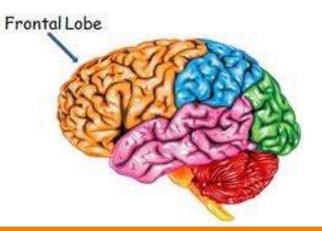
Multiple medications

Pain management

Challenges with balance, strength, range of motion and stamina

Emotional health; including depression and anxiety

Cognitive decline



What influences our behaviors and choices as we age?

Personality Type

- Type A The Go Getter
- Type B Relaxed and Social
- Type C Rule Abiding Perfectionist
- Type D Distressed and Sensitive to Others

Personal Experiences

- Early family experiences
- Adult relationship experiences
- Number of stressors in the course of your life and experiencing now
- Perceived success
- Perception on how others see you and treat you

Cultural Influences and Cohort

- Where did you spend your formative years?
- Did your family follow the rules and norms of a particular culture?
- What time did you grow up in? What is your generation or cohort?

Americans are taught Individualism: To our peril

Being independent is *strong and successful*, and being dependent is *weak and subservient*. What about the concept of interdependence? What about the concept of resilience?

Many elders resist assistance because of this perception.

"Mom let me take you to the doctor. It is better for two people to hear the same information and ask questions."

- Daughter feels helpful and involved
- Mom may feel that her daughter thinks she is not capable anymore. She fears for her independence and that she will be controlled more and more. This fear can lead to despair, anger, withdrawal and feeling overwhelmed.

Who here likes being told what to do?

Most adults, especially older adults do not like being told what to do

True story: Meet Mary

- 1. Mom not eating well and losing weight
- 2. House is unkempt
- 3. More exercise
- 4. More social: Get to the senior center
- 5. Transportation: Never drove so need to use Uber
- 6. Get her to stop smoking. She has been smoking for over 60 years.
- 7. Get local son more involved

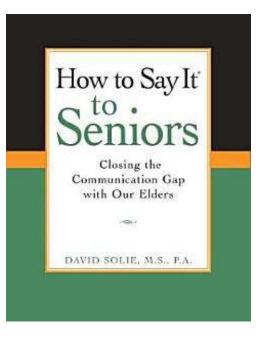
Tip 1: Start and Move Slow

The issues were likely developing for years, it will take more than a day or week or month to reverse course

Excellent Book on this topic: How to Say it To Seniors, by David Solie

He focuses on developmental needs of:

- 1. Elders
- Legacy Work
- Maintenance of control
- 2. Middle Age
- Get things done and quickly



TIP 2: Find a perceived need and meet it

Many elders can no longer drive or drive in a very limited way. For those with normal cognition, they know this is a need. Fill the need.

Resist pushing on other issues immediately, unless there is a crisis

Seriously, resist your impulse to bring up many topics and push for quick action

See Tip 1



Tip 3: Use an Advocate

Is there anyone the elder trusts or confides in? A sibling, old friend, beloved granddaughter, religious leader, doctor, or attorney

Often our parents won't listen to us, the kids, but will to peers or professionals. Some families hire Geriatric Care Managers* to help. Here is how to find them: www.caremanager.org

Give some thought to those you haven't considered. Perhaps someone would be willing to help if you just asked.

* They are also called Aging Life Care Professionals



Tip 4 : Avoid the Intervention

Do not call a family meeting with the elder with your agenda to point out all the concerns, examples of problems and push for a decision or agreement on change now

The person that they have the best relationship with should be the one to start having the conversation. If not available or on board, the next best person.

Consider that the person should have a gentle manner, good listening skills and not push their agenda. The key is to open the dialogue.

Some suggestions:

- "Mom we are all getting older and I wanted to talk about the future."
- "Where do you see yourself in 5 years?"
- "If I noticed any changes in you, would you want me to tell you?"

Tip 5: The Conversation (Actually this is many tips)

The main goal of the first conversation is to introduce the idea of getting help / using services. Set the expectation that decisions do not need to be made today.

Choose a quiet, non stressful moment and environment

Avoid a time that the elder is focused (perseverating) on something else

Avoid this conversation during family gatherings and holidays

Ask questions and listen (more on this on the next slide)

Research some options and be willing to present them as choices*

Make the talk less than an hour. We don't want to lose ground by overwhelming

Present any changes as a trial period

Think about some aspect they can appreciate or perhaps enjoy. For example, if your parents core value is helping others when they can, they may agree to in-home help, as that person needed the education credits or work experience.

Be encouraging and tell them you and others are happy to be supportive. Tell them if **they** are doing well, then the whole family (or care circle) will do well

If appropriate, do something enjoyable after the conversation

* Sourcewise, Alzheimer's Assn, Family Caregiver Alliance and AARP can assist you with resources in your community and can provide more information on this and other topics for elder caregiving

Tip 6: Ask Questions

If mom refuses to let you take her to the doctor, gently ask her what you accompanying her to her doctor means to her. Try to get at the messages she is telling herself

Common Objections:

- I don't want to be a burden
- My kids are so busy with their own lives
- I don't need anyone to help me

Go deeper but back off if you sense anger or defensiveness

Once you have uncovered one or more objection, then you can address it

Example: Back to Mary

Not eating and losing weight...why?

Food doesn't taste so good anymore

Stomach hurts (this has been checked out with her doctors)

Too tired

Not hungry

I look a mess

Tip 6: Create reasonable expectations, with your parents participating in the goals and timelines

Limit initial goals to 2. Once progress is made, especially if the parents are happy with the outcomes, then add another

Run your reasonable expectations by trusted family, friends or professionals. For example, you say the house is unkempt. What does that really mean?



Tip 7: Talk about paying for services

Different sensitivities to how much money is enough

- Medicare or Medi-Cal will pay for it
- Not my money, it's in a trust

Different risk comfort level

Autonomy versus safety

Saving for a rainy day

Legacy: Leaving the family home and other assets to the children



Adult Children Feel Frustrated



Often see the choices as black and white, yes or no

I am asking that you really look at yourself and your interactions with your parents

Common comments from adult children:

- "Mom says no and she is my mom, so that is that"
- John: "I can't force him to bathe, do you expect me to pick him up and drag him to the shower?"
- "I don't want to alienate my parents by pushing"
- "Dad is so stubborn and fiercely independent, he won't agree to anything I suggest"
- "It shouldn't be this way"
- "I feel so guilty"

It is time for creativity and finesse

Back to Mary: Eating

Back to John: Bathing

Meet Martha: Bad food



Question: What would happen if you just did what was needed? Answer: They would get mad. Question: What does mad look like?

Would they be socially appropriate in public? Or in front of other people?

Silent Treatment?

Cry?

Yell?

Threaten you or others?

Posture?

Throw things?

Hit you?

And how long to get over it? An hour, a day, a week, a month, never?

What about the possibility they won't get mad at all? 50%? 20%? 5%?

Make it Happen: Beg Forgiveness

Pick up mom for the appointment

Hire a caregiver

Hire a cook or maid service

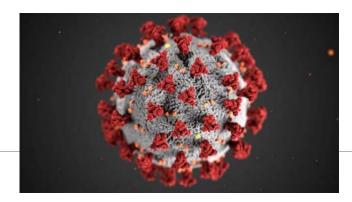
Clean out the fridge when they are not home

Order groceries online and have delivered

Provide no rinse shampoo or a manicure

And be sure to do enjoyable activities with your parents as well





Services such as adult day programs and senior center programs are currently not available

Informal gatherings in-person are not happening in many places

Covid-19

Isolation and loneliness. Technology can help, when family / elders know how to use. *Handout on this*

Difficult for families to provide advocacy and support if they don't dare visit or visit for short periods. Video calls can be difficult

Fearful of letting outside in-home care staff in the home to help

Difficult for families to know how their parents are doing even if they are living in Independent Living, Assisted Living or Memory Care

Long Distance Caregivers

Acknowledge that long distance caregiving is extremely difficult, especially right now

Don't dare visit because of Covid-19 risks?

Don't dare fly to visit because of Covid-19?

Families sometimes take turns being the helper / advocate



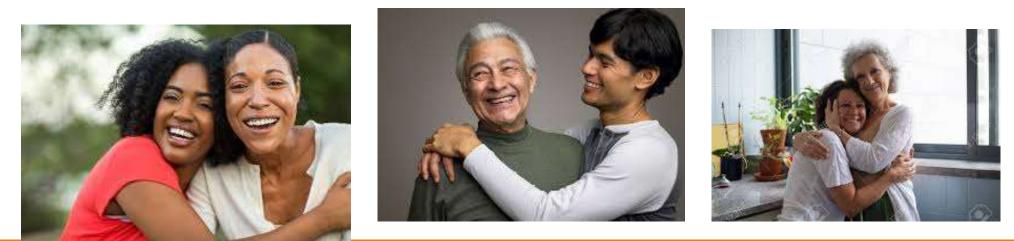
More than ever rely on others. Family in the area, close family friend, neighbors, church and other volunteers or paid professionals

https://lotsahelpinghands.com/ Easily help organize help for someone in need

Families sometimes prepare for the crisis by setting up a place for their parents to move near them if things fall apart

Families sometimes move their parents closer to them, even if the parents are still undecided on a move

This is hard and for some families very, very hard. All we can do is our best. If you follow these tips and are willing to be creative and patient, you are much more likely to be successful.



Resources

Sourcewise: https://www.mysourcewise.com/

https://www.mysourcewise.com/caregiver 408-350-3200

Family Caregiver Alliance: <u>https://www.caregiver.org/</u> 3388 800-445-8106 or Local 415-434-

Alzheimer's Association: https://www.alz.org/ 800-272-3900

AARP: https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/

Geriatric Care Management, AKA Aging Life Care Professionals: https://www.aginglifecare.org//

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Resources for iPads / Tablets / Laptops / Phones

I did a video on this topic by the way. Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN2pzmXgzWw

Classes and other ideas like virtual museum visits, live zoo visits or musical performances.

https://covia.org/services/well-connected/

https://togetherseniorhealth.com/classes

https://hummingbirdproject.net/blog/

https://www.enasco.com/c/Senior-Activities-Nasco

https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams

For **online games for seniors** there are:

https://www.lumosity.com/

https://www.websudoku.com/

https://games.aarp.org/games/daily-crossword

https://www.braingle.com/ Brain Teasers. I like this!

These require an app download but will work on iPads and Android Tablets https://www.elevateapp.com/
https://www.peak.net/

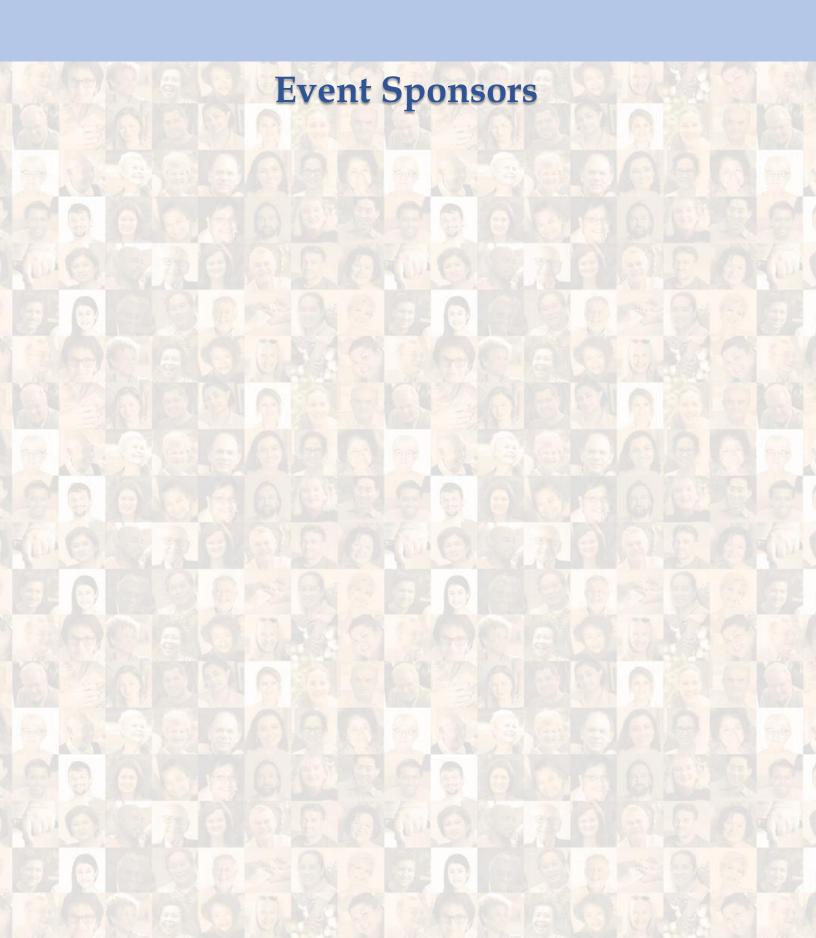
Then there are **other important topics**:

Meditation website (free): <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZToicYcHIOU</u>

Armchair exercise, Gotta love YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0KmVnoVn-k

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FCA services are partially funded by California's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Area Agencies on Aging through the National Family Caregiver Support Program. Private foundations, families, friends, and caregivers also donate to FCA to help us continue our support services.

* A **Comprehensive Caregiver Assessment** is conducted by a FCA Family Consultant. These trained, graduate level staff meet with the caregiver (daughter, son, spouse, other relative, partner, or friend) either in their home or by phone to gather key information about the caregiver and their care situation. This includes the capacity and functional level of the care receiver, family caregiver's physical and emotional health, access to resources, and availability of support system(s). Information from the Caregiver Assessment provides the foundation for a Care Plan. This plan is jointly created by the caregiver and Family Consultant to help prioritize care needs and identify custom strategies and resources to support the individual's caregiving situation.



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ADVICE FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS: The Six M's for Caregiver Self-Care During the Coronavirus Outbreak

For millions of family caregivers, caring for loved ones in "quarantine" has added a new layer of stress. As they struggle to provide and manage care, find services and resources and protect their loved ones, self-care can be even harder than usual.

In a recent AARP tele-townhall, Donna Benton, Ph.D., director, University of Southern California Family Caregiver Support Center, shared her thoughts about how family caregivers can work self-care into their days as they care for loved ones during the coronavirus outbreak.

"This is a time when we have to use our "Six M's" toward self-care" says Dr. Benton.

The 6 M's of Caregiver Self-Care

By Dr. Donna Benton, USC Family Caregiver Support Center

#1 | Mail

Stay connected; use email or old-fashioned "snail mail."

#2 | Music

Pick up your music collection. Fill your home with music. Sometimes music gives us a different feeling in our body and helps us feel good.

#3 Movies

Watch movies at home. Find movies that make you laugh for stress relief. Take breaks from watching the news about COVID-19; don't watch it 24/7.

#4 | Meals

Be creative about meals. Depending on your diet, whip something up that you really enjoy. You can even have a cup cake (or a whole cake) delivered!

#5 | Mindfulness

Practice mindfulness. Now more than ever, yoga and meditation classes are available online at little or no cost.

#6 Movement

Look for ways to move your body each hour just for a few minutes. Dancing, stretching, and chair exercise can keep our bodies healthy, and our minds sharp.



"If you keep in mind that you can do things to keep yourself energized, relaxed, and in good humor, I think this will help us through these stressful times."

– Donna Benton, Ph.D.

RESOURCES

Find more self-care ideas for caregivers at: www.aarp.org/caregiving

AARP's Prepare to Care guide is free and available to all at: www.aarp.org/preparetocare

Find local caregiving resources at: www.aarp.org/crf

Visit AARP's coronavirus resources: www.aarp.org/coronavirus



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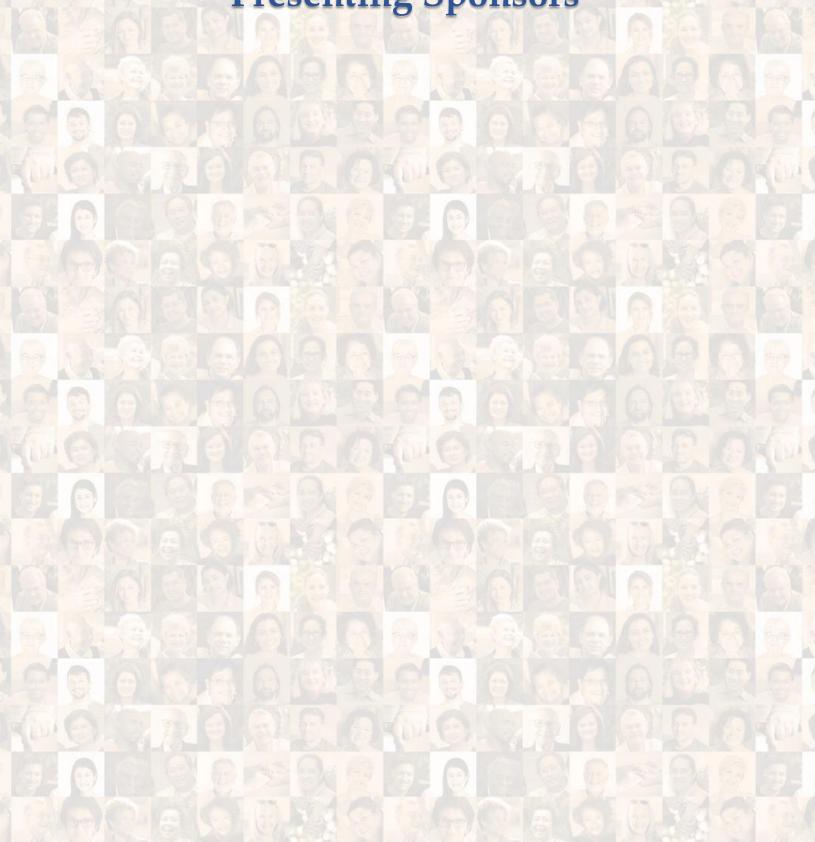
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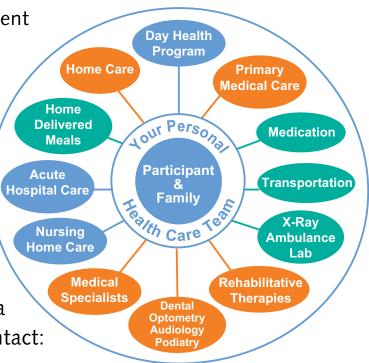
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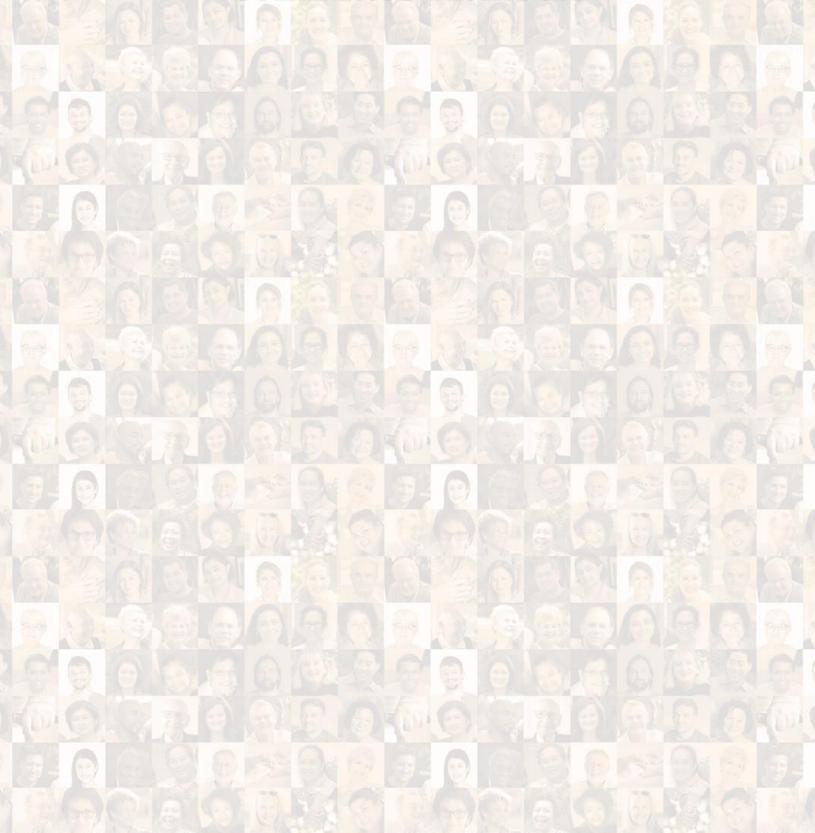
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- Respite and support for caregivers
- Structured activities

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- To provide respite and support to families caring for a dependent senior loved one.
- To combat isolation with contact , support and enrichment.
- To assist caregivers so that they are better able to care for their loved ones and themselves
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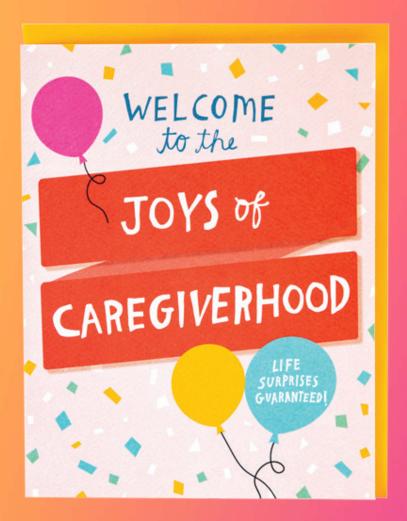
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