

CAREGIVER SUPPORT INFORMATION

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There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers. Those who are currently caregivers. Those who will be caregivers, and those who will need a caregiver.” – Rosalyn Carter

State of Massachusetts

COVID-19 UPDATE:

The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health has started a newly dedicated hotline to assist families with questions and concerns about their loved ones’ care at nursing home and assisted living facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. They will also answer questions about the facility’s COVID-19 testing status. The hotline is staffed by live personnel, seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 617-660-5399.

Alzheimer’s & Dementia Caregive Support Cape Cod Health Care

Website: <https://www.capecodhealth.org/medical-services/brain-neck-spine/neurology/alzheimers-dementia-care/caregiver-support/>
774- 552-6080 or email dementiainfo@capecodhealth.org.

COVID-19 update: In an effort to provide continued support, we have moved our full complement of weekly support groups online via WebEx and are offering individual consultations by phone, FaceTime or Skype to help families deal with the day to day stressors and assist them in finding creative strategies for care. Please do not hesitate to call or email.

Elder services

THE FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Family Caregiver Support Program advocates for caregivers. It identifies gaps in service and assesses the needs of elders. It also facilitates connections to resources and education for caregivers of the elderly, grandparents raising grandchildren, and individuals with disabilities cared for by elders.

Who is Eligible?

- Caregivers age 60 and older
- Caregivers for elders age 60 and older
- Grandparents age 55 and older raising their grandchildren (under age 18)
- For elders age 55 and older who care for a disabled individual who is not their child.
- Anyone caring for someone with Alzheimer’s Disease/dementia.

How do I make a referral for the Family Caregiver Support Program?

You can make a referral through our Information and Referral Department. Call 1-800-244-4630 or 1-508-394-4630 M-F 9AM to 5PM and ask to speak with an Information Specialist or email us at caregiver@escci.org

Barnstable Council on Aging

**Barnstable Adult Community Center
825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis MA 02601
(508) 862-4750**

AARP

877-333-5885 (888-971-2013 for Spanish)

Along with comprehensive coverage of issues affecting caregivers, AARP offers free care guides, legal checklists, information on care options and an online community that supports all types of family caregivers. You can also call the caregiver support line for one-on-one help.

Websites to check out:

Daily Caring was voted the #1 caregiving website for 2020
<https://dailycaring.com/>

If you are a caregiver in need of help there is no need to struggle alone. Call us, we have been in your position and we are here to help.

COMM Fire Department – 508-790-2375