Caregiver Resources

OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES
1027 HOOPER AVENUE
BLDG.2, FIRST FLOOR
P.O. BOX 2191
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754-2191

732-929-2091
1-800-668-4899
1-877-222-3737

www.co.ocean.nj.us

Scan for the Ocean County Resource Directory

The enclosed information has been compiled to assist and support family caregivers. Please feel free to call the Office of Senior Services regarding the following information.
CATHOLIC CHARITIES 732-363-5322
Fix-it Program Ext- 3234
200 Monmouth Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701
This service provides minor home modification to assist the caregivers.

MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER SOUTHERN CAMPUS 732-730-9112
SUPPORT PROGRAM
Community Health Education
600 River Ave., 3rd floor Lakewood, NJ 08701
Caregiver Support & Educational Programs.

COMMUNITY SERVICES INC. (Meals on Wheels of Ocean County) 609-978-6868
Ocean County Southern Services Center
179-A South Main Street PO Box 610
Manahawkin, NJ 08050-0610

JEWSIH FAMILY &CHILDREN’S SERIVECES 732-363-8010
1235 A Rte.70, West Lakewood, NJ 08701
This service provides caregiver counseling and support.

LAKEWOOD KOSHER MEALS & CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM 732-901-6001
450 West Kennedy Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Lakewood, NJ 08701
This service provides caregiver counseling and support.

OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES 732-349-1500
1027 Hooper Avenue, Bldg. 4, Toms River, NJ 08753 Press”0”, Ask for Social Services Intake
In Home Caregiver Education, Home Modification and Personal Response (PERS).
Alzheimer’s and related Dementias Support Group
COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER
Caregiver Counseling and Support 1-800-621-0096
67 Route 37 West Toms River, NJ 08755 732-557-3210

Caregiver Support & Educational Programs.

SOUTHERN OCEAN MEDICAL CENTER
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
609-978-3559
The Ocean Club, 700 Route 9 South, Stafford Township, NJ 08092

Caregiver Support & Educational Programs.

SENIOR GUIDANCE PROGRAM@ 732-367-4700
PREFERRED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GROUP
700 Airport Rd. Lakewood, NJ 08701

VISITING HOMECARE SERVICE OF OCEAN COUNTY 732-244-5565
105 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08755
Mailing Address: CN 2010, Toms River, NJ 08754

Homemaker, Home Health Aide, Adult Day Care, Companion and/or Respite Care, Caregiver Education & Support Groups.

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OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES
INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE SITES

OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES 732-929-2091
1027 Hooper Avenue, Bldg. 2, Toms River, NJ 08754 800-668-4899

BOROUGH OF POINT PLEASANT SENIOR BEEHIVE 732-810-5890
St. Martha’s Church, 3800 Herbertsville Road Point Pleasant, NJ 08742
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 PM

BRICK SENIOR CENTER & OUTREACH 732-920-8686
270 Chambers Bridge Road
Brick, NJ 08723

COMMUNITY SERVICES INC. OUTREACH 848-288-9900
105 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08755

JACKSON SENIOR CENTER 732-928-2313
45 Don Connor Blvd, Jackson, NJ 08527

LONG BEACH ISLAND SENIOR CENTER & OUTREACH 609-494-8861
4700 Long Beach Boulevard, Brant Beach, NJ 08008

BERKELEY SENIOR OUTREACH 732-244-9600
Berkeley Twp. Municipal Bldg.
627 Pinewald-Keswick Road, Bayville, NJ 08721

OCEAN COUNTY SOUTHERN SERVICE CENTER 609-978-6220
179 South Main Street, Rte 9 and Rte.72, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

MANCHESTER TWP. SENIOR OUTREACH 732-849-8305
1 Colonial Drive, Manchester, NJ 08759

TOMS RIVER SENIOR CENTER & OUTREACH 732-341-1000
652 Garfield Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753 Ext. 8462
GERIATRIC EVALUATION & MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Multidisciplinary team approach offering comprehensive, consultative care.

ANNA GREENWALL GERIATRIC PROGRAM 732-923-7550
300 Second Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740
The Anna Greenwall Geriatric Program coordinates health and social services for the elderly and their family with a focus on comprehensive care and education. The program specializes in medical care for the older adult, assessment of memory disorders and support for caregivers and the health professional, through a network of hospital-based and community based services.

THE JAMES AND SHARON MAIDA GERIATRICS INSITUTE 732-886-4700
Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus 600 River Avenue-Third Floor, Lakewood, NJ 08701
James and Sharon Maida Geriatrics Institute provides integrated inpatient and outpatient geriatric services for patients 65 and older in one convenient location. In addition, our geriatricians—physicians specializing in the medical care of the elderly—have a full understanding of the wide range of physical, mental, medical, social, and spiritual issues that older adults can face.

COPSA Geriatric Services-Rutgers UBHC 732-235-8400
100 Metroplex Drive, Suite 200, Edison, NJ 08817
Website: https://care2caregivers.com

Alzheimer’s Resource Center/Care2Caregivers: Help is only a phone call away for New Jersey’s family caregivers. COPSA’s Statewide helpline provides resource information and referral to important services for those caring for older adults with chronic illness. Toll-Free Helpline: 1-800-424-2494

Memory Disorders Clinic: A team of geriatric psychiatrist and clinical social workers collaborate with client and their families to help diagnose memory loss and to manage difficult behaviors that can accompany Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias such as wandering, combativeness and sleeplessness. Care management is provide to clients’ caregivers, including caregiver education, information regarding community and long term care services and assistance with long term planning. For information, contact 1-800-424-2494

Consultation and Education Service: Offers statewide professional education and training to health care and social service professionals, community organizations and the lay public on topics related to mental health and aging, dementia care, cultural competency, family caregiver or other aging or mental wellness issues. 1-800-424-2494

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ADULT DAY CARE

***Active Day of Brick 732-899-1331
2125 Route 88, Brick, NJ 08724

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
Services: Is an adult health & social day program that serves clients with physical and cognitive limitations. Also available: transportation, meals and nursing supervision.

***A Friend’s House 732-244-5565 Ext. 233
(Visiting Home Care Service of Ocean County)
105 Sunset Avenue, P.O. Box 2010, Toms River, NJ 08754 800-511-1510

***A Friend’s House-Ocean County Southern Service Center 609-978-6444
179 South Main Street, Rte 9 and Rte.72, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
Services: A Friend’s House is a social day care program for adults with Alzheimer’s disease or related memory loss disorders. A safe respite for family caregivers is provided as well as therapeutic activities that may increase orientation and stimulate memory.

**Allaire Care Senior Day Services 732-974-7666
1979 Rt. 34 South (Wall Circle Park) Belmar, NJ 07719

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (Before and after care available)
Services: Provides day services to seniors in Monmouth and Ocean County. Allaire care provides structured, a supervised and individually tailored program in a lovely home Environment. Our clients benefit from medical monitoring, therapy services, therapeutic recreation and socialization opportunities throughout the day. Transportation provided in Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

**AMBASSADOR Adult Medical Daycare 732-367-1133
619 River Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
Services: Provides Nutritional & Dietary Services and Meals, Transportation, Nursing Laboratory Services, Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation, Beauty & Barber Services, Alzheimer / Dementia Care, Therapeutic Recreation, and Social Services to name a few.
**Independence Place Adult Day Health Center**  
3000 Hilltop Road, Whiting, NJ 08759  

**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday  

**Services:** Provides skilled nursing and a structured program of therapeutic activities to meet medical and social needs of older adults within supportive environment. Nursing care, social services, activities, hot meal, therapies and personal care. Also available: transportation, meals and nursing supervision.

*NJ Department of Health and Senior Services Alzheimer’s Dementia Program,* Provides funding for adult day care; financial eligibility criteria; apply through adult day care center.

**List of Agencies approved by the Division of Health and Senior Services, Office of the Division of Consumer Support, for the Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers Program (JACC)**

***Agency accepts JACC and Department of Health and Senior Services Alzheimer’s Dementia Grant***

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RESPITE/HOMECARE

JACC (Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving) 732-929-2091
800-668-4899

This program provides state funded assistance in the form of a broad array of in-home services and supports that enable an individual at risk of being placed in a nursing home to remain in their own home. The program is intended to supplement and strengthen the efforts of family and friends. There are both financial and clinical eligibility criteria. Call for details.

Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) 732-349-1500
Ocean County Board of Social Services Press”0”, ask for Adult Medicaid

Ocean County Office of Senior Services for Details 732-929-2091

This Medicaid Waiver program provides community based, in-home services and supports that enable an individual at risk of future placement in a nursing home to remain in their own home or in an assisted living facility based on the assessed need. There are both financial and clinical eligibility criteria. Call for details.

STATEWIDE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM 732-349-1500
Ocean County Board of Social Services Press”0”, ask for State Wide Respite

This program provides respite services to families experiencing fatigue and stress due to long-term caregiver of frail, elderly and/or disabled members. Priority is given to families where the impaired member is at risk of long-term institutionalization due to the inability of the caregiver to continue in the role.

The Respite/Home Care List was compiled by the Ocean County Office of Senior Services: Original, rev.4-2021 rev.9-2021 rev.3-2022
There are two (2) Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver organizations in Ocean County providing volunteer services for the frail, disabled and homebound elderly. Services such as volunteer transportation, shopping, visiting, calling, respite, etc., are provided. Additionally, both organizations provide Alzheimer’s Respite Care Programs specifically for Alzheimer’s clients and caregivers. The Toms River office has a Bilingual Outreach Coordinator. One organization serves the Northern area and the other serves the Southern area.

**Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey**

Email: [info@caregivervolunteers.org](mailto:info@caregivervolunteers.org)

Web Site: [www.caregivervolunteers.org](http://www.caregivervolunteers.org)

**Main Office & Multicultural Outreach & Alzheimer’s Respite Care Program**

201 Hooper Avenue, 
1st Floor North Suite 
Toms River, NJ 08753

(732) 505-2273  
FAX: (732) 505-9445

**Interfaith Health & Support Services of Southern Ocean County**

Email: [Araimondi@hackensackmeridian.org](mailto:Araimondi@hackensackmeridian.org)

Web Site: [http://www.interfaithsoc.org/](http://www.interfaithsoc.org/)

**Interfaith Health & Support Services & Alzheimer’s Respite Care Services**

Mailing Address:  
1140 Rte. 72 West  
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Office Address:  
56 Nautilus Drive  
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Phone (609) 978-3839  
Fax: (609) 978-3283
MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH (VISITING NURSE) AGENCIES

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL JERSEY  732-818-6800  
HOME CARE AND HOSPICE  800-862-3330  
In partnership with Barnabas Health, offers a range of home health, hospice, private pay and visiting physician services focused on helping individuals stay their healthiest at wherever they call home. We are the state’s largest not-for-profit home care provider and are certified by Medicare. Whether you are recovering from surgery, going home after a hospital stay or need ongoing care by a nurse or physician, contact us to learn more or visit us on our website www.vnahg.org.

HOLY REDEEMER HOME CARE AND HOSPICE  888-678-8678  
732-240-2449  
Redeemer Health Home Care can help restore health, promote independence, and reduce unnecessary hospital readmissions for patients with chronic conditions as well as those recovering from a recent health event. Our nurses, therapists, and certified aides provide skilled disease and pain management, wound care, and rehabilitative services in the home.

MERIDIAN AT HOME (Now part of Hackensack Meridian Health)  1-800-655-2555  
Meridian at home is the home health care services division of Meridian Health. Services provided include: skilled nurses, home therapy (physical, occupational, and speech), certified home health aides (assistance with daily living on hourly, short-term, or long-term basis), hospice care (in the home or care facility), Life Transitions program (eldercare planning and management), Care on Call Now (wireless medical alert and care assistance technology), medical equipment and supplies, oxygen, infusion therapy, and in-home chronic condition management and programs.

BAYADA HOME HEALTH CARE  732-350-2355  
BAYADA Home Health Care in Whiting, NJ provides nursing and therapy for adults and seniors in the comfort of their homes—helping our clients get better and stay out of the hospital, and giving their families and loved ones peace of mind. Our skilled medical care is provided by carefully matched clinicians such as registered nurses (RNs), physical therapists (PTs), occupational therapists (OTs), speech-language pathologists (SLPs), and medical social workers (MSWs), usually in a short-term series of visits prescribed by a physician after a surgery, hospital stay, illness, or injury, or to help manage a chronic medical condition. We make it simple and easy to get the personal nursing or therapeutic care you need. We even handle your insurance coverage through Medicare or a private insurance carrier.
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<td>CAREFINDERS TOTAL CARE (Toms River North)</td>
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<td>PREFERRED HOME HEALTH CARE &amp; NURSING SERVICES*</td>
<td>609-822-8480</td>
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<td>RIGHT AT HOME* (OCEAN CARE STAFFING)</td>
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## LIST OF AGENCIES APPROVED BY THE N.J. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES FOR THE JERSEY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY CAREGIVERS PROGRAM (JACC)

### ENVIRONMENTAL ACCESSIBILITY ADAPTATIONS
- The companies below specialize in patient lift systems such as wheelchair ramps, stair lifts, and vertical platform lifts. Some provide construction, such as bathroom and kitchen adaptations for access.

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<td>ACCESSIBLE HOMES (Evaluations and modifications)</td>
<td>732-886-5800</td>
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<td>ADAPTIVE HOME THERAPY (Evaluations and recommendations)</td>
<td>732-886-6996</td>
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<td>AMERICAN RAMP SYSTEMS (Ramps, Lifts, Portable Showers)</td>
<td>610-360-7174</td>
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<td>RAND’S (Evaluations, recommendations and portable ramps)</td>
<td>732-255-3211</td>
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<td>SOS GROUP INC. (Safety Outfitting Services)</td>
<td>856-740-4000</td>
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### HOME DELIVERED MEALS

**Mom’s Meals** 1-866-971-6667
- This company provides affordable meals that are prepared, packaged and delivered fresh with simple microwave heating instructions. For further information and a sample of their variety of over 30 meals, you can also visit their website at www.momsmeals.com.
MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE PROGRAMS

Angelic Hospice                                      732-664-4909
Hospice Care-Palliative Care-Transitional Care
81 East Water St. Suite 2A, Toms River, NJ 08753

Ascend Hospice                                      908-931-9080
1600 St. Georges Ave., Suite 312, Rahway, NJ 07065

Bayada Hospice                                       609-387-6410
96 E. Water St., Toms River, NJ 08753

Caring Hospice Services of Central Jersey            732-661-9373
1090 King Georges Post Road, Suite 703, Edison, NJ 08837

Compassionate Care Hospice                          732-244-6380
1130 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753

Compassus Hospice                                   732-329-7692
86 East Water St., Toms River, NJ 08753

Embracing Hospice Care                              732-974-2545
3349 Rt. 138 East, Bldg. D, Suite F, Wall, NJ 07719

Grace Healthcare Services                           866-447-0246
Raritan Plaza III, 105 Fieldcrest Ave., Suite 402, Edison, NJ 08837

Hackensack Meridian Health Hospice                  609-489-0252
80 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Holisticare Hospice                                 844-254-4400
1268 Rt. 37 W., Suite B, Toms River, NJ 08755

Holy Redeemer Home Care and Hospice                 732-240-2449
1228 State Hwy. 37 W, #6, Toms River, NJ 08755

Homeside Hospice                                    732-381-3444
67 Walnut Ave., Suite 205, Clark, NJ 07066

Kindred Hospice                                     732-562-8800
242 Old New Brunswick Rd. Suite 140, Piscataway, NJ 08854
Serenity Hospice Care 609-227-2400
56 Georgetown Road, Bordentown, NJ 08505

Vitas Hospice 732-389-0066
1040 Broad St. Suite 300 Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

VNA Health Group of Central Jersey 732-818-6800
1433 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753

WEBSITES

OCEAN COUNTY www.co.ocean.nj.us
HOSPITAL COMPARE https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare
NURSING HOME COMPARE www.medicare.gov/NHCompare
HOME HEALTH COMPARE www.medicare.gov/HHCompare
DIALYSIS FACILITY COMPARE www.medicare.gov/dialyisfacilitycompare

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Ten Warning Signs:
Your Older Family Member May Need Help

The Eldercare Locator, a public service of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration on Aging, has produced a guide of “10 warning signs” to help families and older Americans determine if help is needed. Any one of the behaviors listed may or may not indicate that an action should be taken and your family member’s physician should be kept informed of physical or psychological behavior changes.

Has your family member:

- Changed eating habits within the last year resulting in weight loss, having no appetite, or missed meals?
- Neglected personal hygiene resulting in wearing dirty clothes, body odor, bad breath, neglected nails and teeth, sores on the skin?
- Neglected their home so it is not as clean or sanitary as you remember growing up?
- Exhibited inappropriate behavior by being unusually loud or quiet, paranoid, agitated, making phone calls at all hours?
- Changed relationship patterns such that friends and neighbors have expressed concerns?
- Had physical problems such as burns or injury marks resulting from general weakness, forgetfulness, or possible misuse of alcohol or prescribed medications?
- Decreased or stopped participating in activities that were previously important to them such as bridge or a book club, dining with friends, or attending religious services?
- Exhibited forgetfulness resulting in unopened mail, piling newspapers, not filling their prescriptions, or missed appointments?
- Mishandled finances such as not paying bills, losing money, paying bills twice or more, or hiding money?

- Made unusual purchases such as buying more than one magazine subscription of the same magazine, entered an unusual amount of contests, increased usage of purchasing from television advertisements?
MANAGING STRESS OF CAREGIVING

Work within your own limits of energy, time, and know-how

Take time to relax

- Eliminate the “Should’s” and “If only I had time” statements. Ease up on yourself by praising what you do accomplish. Don’t expect more than your human abilities allow.
- Set aside time each day for yourself, no matter how small.
- Rest your mind frequently with short breaks to look at flowers or a tree, breathe deeply, or visualize a peaceful beautiful place from memory.
- Keep a journal of feelings. Note in detail the things you have done to ease your loved one’s burden.
- Have an understanding friend whom you can call or visit when you need a lift.
  - Join a support group or seek counseling.
  - Allow quiet time for prayer or meditation.

  ❖ Add humor to your life
  - Buy a page-a-day calendar with cartoons.
  - Read the daily comics in the newspaper.
  - Share laughter with your loved one.
  - Rent comic movies or cassette tapes.
  - Ask friends to save jokes and cartoons for you.

BALANCING CAREGIVING NEEDS AND SELF NEEDS

You are the only one who can meet your needs

Who are you beyond the caregiving role?
Does your self worth come from the need to be needed?
How will you use your time when the role ends?

What you can do for yourself

- Maintain outside interests.
- Nurture your sense of purpose and worth,
- Create activities to look forward to for yourself.
- Take care of your physical and emotional needs.
  - Take care of your appearance.
- Have one part of your life that is just yours, away from the caregiving role.
- Have several activities, which you turn to for “in-house vacations”.
  - Indulge yourself with a treat now and then.
  - Surround yourself with people who understand.
  - Join a support group or counseling sessions.
- When possible, talk about your anger or feelings with the person who is ill.

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COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES

- “I’d like to talk about the appreciation’s and the regrets both of us have in this relationship. Are you willing to set aside a time when we could do that soon?”
- Suggest that you take turns talking and that each of you agrees not to interrupt the other.
- Ask directly for what you want, for example, “Will you forgive me for that?” or “Will you reassure me that you love me?”
- Use “I” messages such as, “I feel…” or “I want..” or “I think.” rather than “You made me…” or “You always..” or “You should.”
- Remember that human emotions are harmless in themselves and they don’t necessarily conform to logic. In their actions, however, people can choose to channel their feeling into behaviors that uphold their personal and moral values and maintain mutual respect. When your thinking is muddled by strong negative emotions, pause and breathe deeply while you regain your clear-headedness.
- Look the other person in the eye and listen as he talks. It’s an opportunity to learn about yourself and your loved one. Often there are astonishing differences in the way two people experience the same event.
- If the ill person becomes insulting or abusive, say, “I want to talk with you, but I won’t listen to hurtful remarks.” If the person continues, say, “I’ll come back after you are finished saying hurtful things”, and leave the room.
- Be as generous as you can in expressing your appreciation about the relationship.

Barriers to Communication

- Backing the other person into an emotional corner by saying, “You should have” or “Why did you” or “If you loved me”.
- Challenging the other person’s reasons/rights to feel as he/she does.
- Hiding your tears.
- Defending your reasons or rights to feel as you do.
- Saying things, you might regret later.

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ANGER AND CAREGIVING

Sources of Anger

- Long-standing, unresolved conflicts with the care receiver.
- Disagreements with the care receiver or family member regarding caregiving or treatment.
- The ill persons irritating habits and personality traits that might be exaggerated by illness.
- Your sense of helplessness in alleviating these loved person’s pain or suffering.
- Your plans, goals, or expectations that are delayed or dashed as you devote yourself to caregiving.
- The duration, difficulty, or expense of caregiving.

Mismanaged Anger

- Spewing accusations, threats, or guilt-provoking tirades on family members, friends, the sick person, or care providers.
- Using physical force on the ill person.
- Denying that anger.
- Telling others about the problem instead of discussing it with the person involved.
- Seething and turning your anger inward to cause headaches, or other physical problems.

Constructive Management

- Admit the anger, you can control how you channel it into action.
  - Develop a variety of safety valves.
    - Phone calls to friends who understand.
    - Support group meetings.
    - Brisk physical activity.
    - Write a letter expressing the anger and destroy it.
    - Schedule frequent breaks from caregiving activities.
- Explore solutions to the problem(s) with your loved one(s), if possible.
  - Ask what you need at this moment that you are not getting.
    - Make direct requests or look for ways you can meet your needs.

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GUILT AND CAREGIVING

Differentiate between *Legitimate Guilt*, the remorse of deliberate wrongdoing or hurtful actions and *Superfluous Guilt*, self-reproach for imagined wrongdoings of human failings.

**Guilt Reduction Techniques**

**Legitimate Guilt**
- Recognize and validate your feelings of frustration and overload.
- Stop punishing yourself; instead use this situation as a learning experience to motivate you to plan alternative responses in the future.
- Rehearse the new behavior in advance.
- Offer an apology to your loved one, offer an expression of regret for your behavior and an explanation of what you will do differently in the future.
- Forgive yourself.

**Superfluous guilt** Recognize your unrealistic standards or falsehoods such as:
- You can do all things “perfectly”.
- You might improve the sick person’s lot by sacrificing your well-being.
- The misconceptions that entertaining negative thoughts or mischievous wishes will make them come true.
- The myth that misfortunes in people’s lives are punishments for wrongdoing.
- The idea that you should not get angry.
- The illusion that you can control your loved one’s fate.

**Consider**
- Joining a caregivers support group.
- Wishes and fantasies are harmless, unless you put them into action or punish yourself for having them.
- Make an exhaustive list of all your guilt(s).
- Choose items you want to change while maintaining a balance between your well-being and that of your loved one.
- Forgive yourself for your human imperfections.

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GRIEF AND CAREGIVING

Losses that relate to Caregiving:

- Your loved one’s health and vigor
- Some of your loved one’s endearing personality traits
- Activities or interest you enjoyed together
- Plans and optimistic expectations for the future
- Your sense of security
- Time, energy, or money to engage in your special interests
- A pleasant daily routine
- Confidence in your ability to steer events in your life toward favorable outcomes

Fear of the future:

- More disability or pain for your loved one
- Increasing loneliness
- Less time for yourself
- Doubts about your own health
- Lack of confidence in your ability to cope with stress and emotional pain
- Anticipated emptiness when your loved one dies

Ineffective coping:

- Physical pain, irritability and panic attacks
- Distance emotionally from your loved one
- Devote self to caretaking at the expense of your own well-being

Effective Ways:

- Talk about your feelings and thoughts
- Join a support group
- You aren’t alone, anything you feel, think or wish, has been experienced by others
- Your choices in how you act on your wishes, thoughts, and feelings will determine how effectively you manage your grief

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