

CAREGIVER 5 **Thrive Learn Connect**





Make a Difference in your Life: Join the Program



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SCREEANING QUESTIONS:

- 1. Do you provide a broad range of assistance for an adult relative, partner, friend or neighbor with a chronic or disabling condition at least 4 hours a week?
- 2. Are you 18 years of age or older?
- 3. Could you attend six weekly 2-hour Zoom* sessions?
- 4. Would you like to connect with other caregivers near you?
- 5. Do you have a personal email address?



- 1. Strategies for Stress:
- Management of stress: we examine stress and how each person has a unique pattern of stress response.
- Discuss physical & mental consequences of chronic stress.
- Learn two valuable yet simple stress management tools you can use at any time.
- Create an action plan that will help you to plan for how to use these tools in your day to day life.

- 2. Dealing with the Blues:
- Caregiver common depressive symptoms.
- Discuss strategies to manage mood more effectively, by increasing everyday positive activities that have been proven to lift mood.
- Those you care for may also experience depressive symptoms. Learn tips & strategies that can help you to help the person you are caring for.



3. Bouncing Back:

- The importance of resilience in caregiving.
- Discuss ways to increase a caregiver's own sense of wellbeing.
- Participants create a visual representation of who is on their support team.
- Learn to complete a draft of a CareMap. It will provide insights into your own personal caring networks.



- 4. Filling the Well:
- The importance of self-care, focusing on 4 areas (spiritual, physical, mental, and social).
- Emphasis on proactive behavioral activities such as:
 - getting regular exercise
 - getting a sound sleep
 - mindfulness
- Development of an individual self-care plan.



5. Coping with Frustration:

- Dealing with Frustration, anger and emotions that can get in the way of successful caregiving.
- Learn strategies for managing these feelings, including learning to STOP and think before responding, and the need to walk away or take a break when necessary.
- Learn strategies that you can practice at home when frustration or anger become overwhelming.



6. Loneliness & Social Isolation:

- Loneliness and Isolation are negative outcomes for caregivers, more so during the past years of COVID-19.
- Learn how to increase compliance with COVID-19 recommendations that can be difficult for some care recipients.
- Join a Virtual Community of Caregivers to get connected to others, get resources, health education, and volunteer helping other caregivers in the community.

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- Evidence-based Psycho-educational Program Delivered on Zoom over Six Sessions to Help Caregivers with Stress, Burden and Depression.
- Caregivers Provide their Preferences and Availability in Order to Schedule their Dates and Times to Attend the Workshop.
- To Register: Visit the Caregiver TLC Website at <u>caregivertlc.org</u>



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