

# Prepare to Care Creating a Plan





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## **Facts about Caregiving**

- The average family caregiver is a 49-year-old woman, who works 30 hours a week and provides almost 25 hours of care per week
- 75% of people who identify themselves as caregivers are women
- Men are identifying more as c.g.'ers, but the # hours are different
- 24% of Americans aged18 to 34, say they are family caregivers.
- The average recipient is a 70 year old male.



#### In this session we will talk about:

- Why we need a care plan
- The 5 Steps to create a plan
- Quality of life While caregiving
- Resources available to you
- Q & A



## **5 Steps to Creating a Plan**

- Start the Conversation
- 2 Form Your Team
- 3 Make a Plan
- Find Support
- Care for Yourself



#### **Start the Conversation**







#### **To Start the Conversation:**

- Look for an opening
- Respect your loved one's wishes
- 3 Listen carefully Understand your loved one's priorities



#### **Start the Conversation**

#### **Review finances:**

- Bank accounts
- Investments
- Insurance coverage
- Other finances, assets or income



#### **Start the Conversation**

#### **Counter Resistance**

"I just don't want to talk about it."





### **Form Your Team**





## **Tips to Form Your Team**

#### Look for team members who:

- Live nearby
- Can help with simple tasks
- Will share their talents



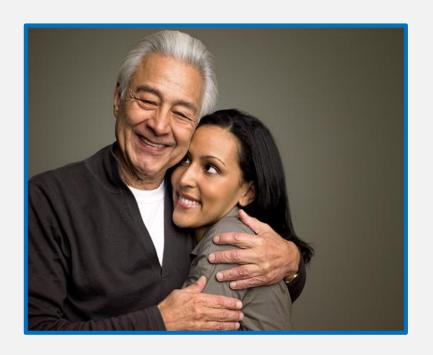
## **Tips to Form Your Team**

#### **Building & supporting your team:**

- Determine the number of team members
- Assign roles & responsibilities
- Focus on the care recipient



## **Make a Plan**





## Tips to Make a Plan

#### Hold a team meeting:

- Meet with your caregiving team
- Assess the goals & needs of your plan
- Delegate responsibilities who will do what?



## Tips to Make a Plan

#### For the team meeting:

- Include the person who will receive the care
- Keep everyone informed of the plan
- Take notes



## **Find Support**





## **Tips to Find Support**

#### **Types of support:**

- Community resources
- Professional help





## **Tips to Find Support**

#### More support ideas:

- Hire help
- Secure their safety
- Explore housing options



#### **Care for Yourself**

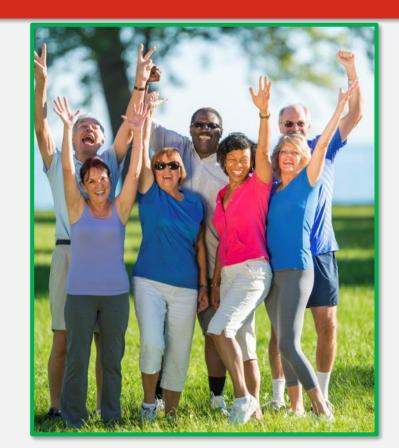






## **Share Your Tips**

What has worked for you to care for yourself?





## **Quality of Life Issues**

- Issues caused by the Corona Virus Pandemic: Isolation, Ioneliness, distancing, quarantine
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs)
- Difficulty with technology



#### Resources

Real Possibilities

## Caregiving Resource Center aarp.org/caregiving

HOME & FAMILY
Caregiving

Plan & Organize - Benefits & Insurance - Legal & Financial - Care for Yourself - Providing Care - Senior Housing - End of Life Care

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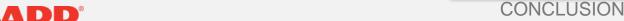
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