

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Larimer County Office on Aging

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- Regional Area Agency on Aging
- Includes:
 - Family Caregiver Support
 Program
 - Aging and Disability Resources for Colorado
 - Ombudsman



GOALS OF THE FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

- 1. Lessen the strain of a family caregiver's experience
- 2. Provide connection to community resources, support groups, counselling, and classes
- 3. Help to provide opportunities for <u>respite</u>



SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

CAREGIVER CONSULTATIONS

- Support groups/counseling
- Special events
- Caregiver classes
- Vouchers
- And more:
 - Meals/nutrition
 - Transportation
 - Companionship
 - Housecleaning



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CAREGIVER CLASSES

Stress Busting

 In this nine-week class, caregivers learn about stress and its effects, practice stress management techniques, and develop problem solving skills.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

 In this six-week class, caregivers learn 35 tools to help avoid burnout, lessen stress, stop negative self-talk, strengthen communication, convey needs, and deal with difficult emotions.



View classes at: larimer.gov/caregiver

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CAREGIVER EVENTS

 Periodic, free small events to gather caregivers together for fun and comradery.



RESPITE VOUCHER

- Care recipients who are 60+
 OR have a diagnosis of
 Alzheimer's disease and
 related disorders (AND)
- Unable to independently perform at least two (2)
 Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) OR requires
 substantial supervision



GRANDFAMILY RESPITE VOUCHER

- For caregivers 55+ who are the primary caregiver and relative of a child under 18
- Can reimburse for classes, camps, activity fees, babysitting, or even housekeeping services



CAREGIVER TESTIMONIALS

"Time & energy are such scarce resources for me as caregiver for my husband. I'm so grateful to LCOA for introducing me to so many sources of support & encouragement both for immediate needs but also for those we'll need in the future! They welcome my calls & questions & provide outstanding help they are the caregiver's caregiver!!"

"The LCOA voucher program for respite care has been a real game changer for me. The vouchers prompted me to start bringing much needed help & services into our home. What a great help & source of relief!"



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