# Caregiver Central

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Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center @ USC

#### **ABOUT US**



The Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center @ USC provides services for family caregivers in Los Angeles County to aid in the caregiving process. We are committed to supporting caregivers through information and referral, education and training events, support groups, family consultations, online services, and respite.

LACRC@USC has been empowering family caregivers in the Los Angeles area since 1989. It is part of a statewide system of 11 Caregiver Resource Centers throughout California.



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# **Updates & Announcements**

on't forget to join us for our 18th Annual "Caregivers Are Learning More" Conference on Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM! This conference is expected to draw almost 300 people. This year's theme is "Stepping Stones of Care," which is meant to explore the different levels of care your loved one may go through while you are on your caregiving journey, and how to know what is an appropriate level of care for your loved one. Among the topics for the day are: how to hire in-home help, types of care facilities, how to plan and pay for long term care, and differences between palliative and hospice care. We will also have a resource fair for you to gather information about community resources. Join us for a day of education, fun, and resources. Please call us at 1-855-872-6060 or visit www.fcscgero.org to register. We hope to see you there!

This month, we will be launching our Rancho Palos Verdes support group at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center. This new group will be meeting every first Tuesday of the month, 6:00-7:30 PM. For more details and information, please contact Lucila Torres, support group leader, at 213-821-3107.

This month's educational theme at the center is "C.A.L.M. About: Hospital Discharge Planning." We will discuss the ins and outs of hospital discharge planning. What are some of the things you should be aware of? What should you look out for? Are there questions you should be asking?



# **USC CareJourney**

SC CareJourney allows family caregivers to connect with our center and learn about the resources and services we offer. Caregivers can access information matching their unique caregiving needs 24/7 from their own computer or mobile device. To join, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.fcscgero.org">www.fcscgero.org</a> and click on the link to register for <a href="https://www.fcscgero.org">USC CareJourney</a>.



## In the News

he Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research recently concluded a poll on long-term caregiving. Our director, Dr. Donna Benton, was interviewed and included as part of the interactive video piece of the project.

"Family and friends provide the majority of care for the nation's growing senior population.
Unfortunately, their own personal and professional lives often pay the price," said Trevor Tompson, director of The AP-NORC Center. "The survey shows that caregivers are struggling with their own physical and mental health, and they don't always seek out care for themselves when they need it. Many have a hard time finding healthy ways to cope, instead turning to behaviors like sleeping less,

eating more, or even drinking alcohol or smoking more. It raises the question: Who's caring for our caregivers?"

#### Five Things You Should Know

From The AP-NORC Center's Long-Term Caregiving Poll Among adults age 18 and older with experience providing long-term care:

- Eight in 10 pay for costs associated with caregiving out of their own pockets, and 13 percent spend upwards of \$500 a month on these expenses
- One-quarter have reduced how much they save for their own retirement as a result of caregiving expenses.
- One-quarter say that caregiving makes it harder to manage their own health.
- Only 54 percent have a plan in place for who would provide care in the event they were no longer able to do it themselves.
- Sixty-three percent cope with difficult caregiving situations by praying or meditating, but 44 percent sleep less and 17 percent drink more alcohol.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

 Nov 1st, 1:00-2:30 PM: Santa Fe Springs Support Group (Presented in Spanish)

> Location: Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center 9255 S. Pioneer Blvd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

 Nov 3rd, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM: 18th Annual Caregiver Conference

Location: USC FCSC

3715 McClintock Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90089

 Nov 5th, 1:00 -3:00 PM: "Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers"

> Location: Hillcrest Retirement Community Galen Walker Board Room 2705 Mountain View Dr., La Verne, CA 91750 REGISTRATION IS CLOSED.

 Nov 6th, 6:00-7:30 PM: Rancho Palos Verdes Support Group

Location: Mary & Joseph Retreat Center 5300 Crest Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

- Nov 7th & 21st, 1:00-2:30 PM: Pasadena Support Group Location: Pasadena Senior Center
   85 E. Holly St., Pasadena, CA 91103
- Nov 8th, 9:30-11:30 AM: "C.A.L.M. About: Hospital Discharge Planning"

Location: Adventist Health Glendale Community Services Center Gym 311 A Vallejo Dr. Glendale, CA 91206 (across from Vallejo Drive Church)

- \*\*PARKING Please note the Rehab parking spaces in front of the gym are reserved for patient parking ONLY. Street parking is available as well as hospital parking. Parking will be validated if needed.
- Nov 8th, 4:30-6:00 PM: Claremont Support Group Location: Claremont Manor Care Center (OT Room) 621 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711
- Nov 13th & 27th, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM: First AME Church Support Group (\*PEER-LED\*)

Location: First AME Church: Allen House 2249 South Harvard, Los Angeles, CA 90018

- Nov 14th, 10:00-11:30 AM: Rosemead Support Group Location: California Mission Inn (Massie Hall) 8417 Mission Dr., Rosemead, CA 91770
- Nov 14th & 28th, 12:00-2:00 PM: USC Support Group Location: LACRC@USC - Davis School of Gerontology
- Nov 15th, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Long Beach Support Group

Location: Grace First Presbyterian Church (Fireside Room)

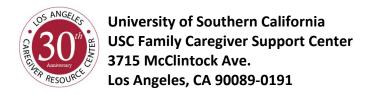
3955 Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90808

- Nov 15th, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Caregivers' Circle
   Location: Potrero Heights Community & Senior Center
   8051 Arroyo Dr., Montebello, CA 90640
- Nov 15th, 6:00-7:30 PM: Lake View Terrace Support Group (\*PEER-LED\*)

Location: Lake View Terrace Library 12002 Osborne St., Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

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### **THE LAST WORD:**

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