# Caregiver Central

January 2019

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.

#### Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center @ USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology

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## **Updates & Announcements**

here are big things on the horizon for the USC Family Caregiver Support Center. We've been busy behind the scenes preparing for a fantastic new year filled with fresh, new ideas. We are working on a website refresh and a brand new brochure. We have reviewed some new educational tools and programs that we're excited to unveil soon to our caregivers and community. Lastly, we've been talking about how to reach our local city, county, and state officials to share with them the full impact of caregiving upon families and communities. We want to make sure we have a voice and act as advocates for our caregivers on a political and legislative level.

This month's educational theme at the center is "C.A.L.M. About: Caregiver Checklist: Things You Should Know." We will discuss some important questions and decisions caregivers

should be prepared for. No matter where you are in the caregiving process, it may be helpful to review our Caregiver Checklist to see if you've missed something. This checklist is intended to be a tool to guide caregivers in preparing for the future.

We will begin a four-month partnership with the Cerritos Senior Center to provide educational sessions for caregivers. Our first session will be on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 10:00-11:30 AM on the topic of "C.A.L.M. About: Caregiver Checklist: Things You Should Know." For more information and details, please refer to our calendar of events.

## **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>.



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

 Jan 3rd, 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

 Jan 8th & 22nd, 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

- Jan 9th, 10:00-11:30 AM: Rosemead Support Group Location: California Mission Inn (Massie Hall) 8417 Mission Dr., Rosemead, CA 91770
- Jan 9th & 23rd, 12:00-2:00 PM: USC Support Group Location: LACRC@USC - Davis School of Gerontology
- Jan 10th, 4:30-6:00 PM: Claremont Support Group Location: Claremont Manor Care Center (OT Room) 621 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711
- Jan 16th, 1:00-2:30 PM: Pasadena Support Group Location: Pasadena Senior Center 85 E. Holly St., Pasadena, CA 91103
- Jan 22nd, 10:00-11:30 AM: CALM About: Caregiver Checklist: Things You Should Know (Cerritos)

Location: Cerritos Senior Center 12340 South St., Cerritos, CA 90703

- Jan 24th, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Caregivers' Circle
   Location: Potrero Heights Community & Senior Center
   8051 Arroyo Dr., Montebello, CA 90640
- Jan 24th, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Long Beach Support Group Location: Grace First Presbyterian Church (Fireside Room)

3955 Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90808

 Jan 24th, 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

• <u>Jan 24th, 6:30-8:00 PM:</u> Telephone Support Group Please register by calling toll-free (855) 872-6060.



## **JANUARY 2019**

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#### THE LAST WORD:

## Telephone Support Group

ur telephone support group is back to its normal schedule this month. Its regularly scheduled time will be the fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:00 PM. This group is open to family caregivers living in Los Angeles County. For more information or to receive the confidential call-in details, please contact support group facilitator, Alejandra Rojas, at 213-740-3953.

Why should you join a support group?

Support groups are a good way for you to meet others going through similar experiences, share your stories, celebrate your successes, and troubleshoot situations you are having difficulties with. Often caregivers will find that support groups are a good way to share their expertise and be helpful in solving other caregivers' questions.

Why should you join a TELEPHONE support group? TELEPHONE support groups are a great way for those who are unfamiliar with support groups to "get their feet wet." Some people may feel more comfortable sharing their feelings and experiences over the phone as opposed to in-person. TELEPHONE support groups are also great for working caregivers or caregivers who

find it inconvenient to leave the home to attend an inperson group.



