

Caregiver Education, Training & Support



Caregiver education, caregiver training and caregiver support assists caregivers in understanding and coping with a broad range of issues. AAWM and its partners provide a variety of services intended to support individuals on their caregiving journey.

The Caregiver Resource Network (CRN), a collaboration of over one hundred West Michigan agencies, provides monthly networking and professional development opportunities that foster community and support between caregivers and the agencies in which they are employed. The CRN hosts Diversity Academy, where caregivers address topics that may create obstacles to giving or receiving care. Family Caregiver University (FCU), also part of CRN, offers educational opportunities for caregivers, as well as the opportunity to connect and support one another on their caregiving journeys. Because caregivers endure a great deal of stress, many of the topics covered in FCU are self-care topics.

DON'T WALK
THE CAREGIVER
PATH ALONE.

In addition to AAWM's Caregiver Education efforts, partners within our network, the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter and EasterSeals Michigan, provide education and training for family and professional caregivers in our region.

The Alzheimer's Association supports caregivers so that family members can remain independent and at home for as long as possible. They offer tools and resources to the families of individuals with dementia so that they are safely cared for while remaining in their community of choice. The goal is to be connected with resources and services as guided by a person-centered plan.

EasterSeals Michigan's Caring For Caregiver program works with caregivers to identify areas in which they need assistance or training to properly care for their loved one. Helping to decrease caregiver stress is a big challenge along with helping to increase safety for both the care recipient and caregiver involved. Therapists provide disease education, resources, home safety recommendations, transfer training and other essential supports.