

The Department of Senior Services includes the Office on Aging, Adult Day Care, Nutrition, Paratransit, Veterans' Affairs, and Weatherization & Home Energy. This department provides and coordinates numerous services and sponsors many activities for senior citizens.

The department is designed as an ADRC (Aging & Disability Resource Connection) coordinating and providing information and assistance, outreach, benefit screenings, in-home risk assessments, and care management services.

A coordinated effort with the Passaic County Board of Social Services assists those individuals at risk of placement in a nursing facility with additional senior health programs.



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CARES

CAREGIVERS ASSISTANCE RELIEF EDUCATION SUPPORT

*Partnering with caregivers
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WHAT IS CARES?

CARES (Caregivers Assistance Relief Education and Support) provides a broad array of services to enable caregivers to better understand and utilize services to maintain themselves, while providing care to others. CARES is a participant-directed program, meaning the caregiver and care recipient work jointly with the care manager to develop and oversee their service plan.

CARES is funded by the National Family Caregiver Support Program, Title III E of the Older Americans Act, State of New Jersey, Division of Aging and Consumer Support, and the Passaic County Board of County Commissioners.

COST

There is no fee for this service. Anyone receiving services has an opportunity to contribute to the cost of the services, but there is no obligation to contribute and all contributions are voluntary. Your privacy and confidentiality with respect to this donation will be protected and services are not affected by the ability or lack of ability to contribute.

CAREGIVERS

Caregivers must often find new ways to care for their loved one, while trying to maintain their own health and emotional well being. It is not unusual for caregivers themselves to experience emotional distress and physical ailments as well.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Is a United States Citizen or Qualified Alien.
- Care Recipient has no alternate means available to secure needed services and/or supports. (Services received from CARES cannot be duplicated by an alternate program that the recipient is enrolled in.)
- Is an elderly individual, 60 years of age or over, caring for another elderly individual 60 years of age and over; OR
- Is an adult family member or other informal caregiver who provides in-home and/or community care to an individual 60 years of age or over; OR
- Is a grandparent or an older relative of a child 60 years of age or over who lives with and is providing care for a disabled child 18 years of age or older.

SERVICES

Adult Day Care: Structured daytime care and supervision for adults in a protective setting.

Respite Care: Short term or intermittent care provided to persons either in their home or other appropriate facilities because of the need for relief of those persons normally providing care.

Housekeeping: Basic home upkeep to help older adults remain in their homes.

Caregiver Counseling: One-on-one support to help caregivers manage emotional stress.

Care Management: Coordination of services through a personalized care plan for vulnerable older adults.

Certified Home Health Aide: In-home support by certified aides during periods of illness or instability.

Caregiver Support Groups: Regular group meetings offering caregiver support, education, and peer connection.

Emergency Response Unit: Electronic device that allows individuals to call for help during emergencies.