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New Powerful Tools for Caregivers Workshop

Starts: FEBRUARY 6TH

Join us at the
MERIDIAN YMCA SOUTH
for this 6-week class

Classes are free!

RESPITE CARE AVAILABLE

Please see the special note from the YMCA below:

"Managing your own health is just as important as the care you give others.

In collaboration, the Treasure Valley Family YMCA is excited to offer safe, enjoyable, and engaging activities for your loved one, while providing access for the caregiver to participate in the educational lecture series. We welcome you to our facility for this vital community offering."

To inquire about respite care during this workshop - please call Karen, 208-947-4283.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Workshop Begins February 6th

Classes run for 6
consecutive weeks: Feb
6th-Mar12th, 2024

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

TIME: 11:30am - 2:00pm
MEETS EVERY: Tuesday

MERIDIAN YMCA
5155 S Hillside AVE
Meridian, ID 83642



Caregiver Burnout is Real -

Don't Wait Any Longer! JOIN US TO LEARN:

- *Tips to Reduce Stress
- *Improve Self Confidence
- *Caregiver/Recipient Communication
- *Making Tough Decisions
- *Navigating Family Dynamics
- *Resources for Your Specific Needs

For questions or assistance in registering for a class, please reach out to:

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Powerful Tools for Caregivers Weekly Class Descriptions

Powerful Tools Workshops are held once a week for 6 consecutive weeks. Please note that each weekly class builds on the next class. Your registration is for the entire 6-week series. The workshop and all materials are supplied at no cost. New workshops are announced monthly, and we offer both online and in-person formats.

Week #1: Taking Care of You

This class sets the stage for the entire course. It emphasizes that the focus is on **“YOU, the caregiver, not on the family member receiving care,”** and that caregivers will develop a “box of self-care tools.” The challenges of caregiving and significance of caregiver self-care are dramatized through a video. Beginning in this class, caregivers make a weekly action plan for self-care.

Week #2: Identifying and Reducing Personal Stress

Four steps are presented for effective stress management: (1) Identifying early warning signs, (2) Identifying personal sources of stress, (3) Changing what you can change and accepting what you cannot change, and (4) Taking action. Tools to reduce stress are discussed. Participants learn how to change negative self-talk – which increases stress and erodes confidence – to positive self-talk. Beginning in this class, caregivers learn five relaxation activities that are easy to incorporate into their daily lives.

Week #3: Communicating Feelings, Needs, and Concerns

Participants learn how to communicate their feelings, needs and concerns more effectively by using “I” messages. Through brief dramatizations, participants experience the impact of both “I” messages and “You” messages (which tend to sound blaming and put people on the defensive). They practice changing “You” messages to “I” messages, and identifying when statements beginning with the word “I” are actually “Hidden You” messages.

Week #4: Communicating in Challenging Situations

Participants practice two communication tools – assertiveness and Aikido – which are helpful in difficult situations. They learn a four-step process, called DESC (Describe, Express, Specify, and Consequence) for using the assertive style of communication. With Aikido, participants learn how to align and find “common ground” with a person who is distressed. A segment highlights guidelines for communicating with a person who is memory impaired.

Week #5: Learning From Our Emotions

The overriding theme of this class is “our emotions are messages we need to listen to.” It emphasizes that feelings occur for a reason and that feelings are neither good nor bad. Focus is on identifying constructive ways for dealing with difficult feelings – especially anger, guilt, and depression – and resources for professional help.

Week #6: Mastering Caregiving Decisions

Focus is on the internal emotional process caregivers go through when they experience a life change. Tools for dealing with changes and for making tough decisions – including a seven-step decision-making model and the family meeting – are discussed.

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Have You Heard About The Memory Café?

The Memory Café is a FREE program for caregivers and their loved one with memory loss. Join us as we socialize and learn together in a safe and relaxing atmosphere. Education and group support provided.

Next meeting will be held In-Person
Fourth Thursday of every month |
1:00-2:30pm Orchard Park Library, Meridian
NEW Locations Coming Soon!
RSVP to Karen at 208-947-4283.

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