





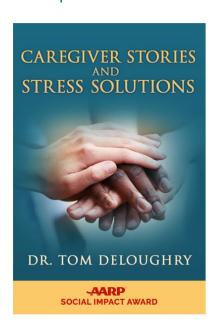


## Want better health and more happiness for paid and unpaid caregivers? ...while improving the outcomes of traditional and alternative care

..and increasing the satisfaction of patients, professionals and aides?

Caregivers, aides, patients and professionals can **improve communication and collaboration** by using the *Planning Poem* (see next page) to bridge the silos of medical, emotional, spiritual and alternative care.

ALL participants use the same videos to learn how to help themselves before helping others.





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CAREGIVER STORIES AND STRESS SOLUTIONS,

offering dozens of well-researched solutions to help caregivers and their loved ones.

Caregiver Stories is the starting point for the videos being developed by the Living Well Community Collaborative, a consortium of non-profits and individuals who will learn from each others successes and stumbles.

### **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING INCLUDES:**

LESS STRESS AND MORE LOVE FOR CAREGIVERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS
FOUR WEEKS TO GREATER SATISFACTION

BETTER HEALTH FOR THE WHOLE PERSON
PARTNER WITH PROVIDERS OF TRADITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE CARE

Help Yourself and Help Others
CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR COACHES AND AIDES

INCLUDES HOME HEALTH TRAINING TOPICS MANDATED BY MEDICARE & MEDCAID

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### VISIT WWW.LIVINGWELLNOW.INFO

USE THIS "PLANNING POEM" FOR SENIORS, ADULTS AND TEENS -AND CAREGIVERS

Start solving your puzzle. Get help when you can. Use four ways to stop stress. Then learn from your plan.









Acceptance

Forgive

Trust







### START SOLVING YOUR PUZZLE

Any piece of the wellness puzzle can help or harm the other pieces. Which ones are most important for you? ...and your loved ones?

Don't focus on solving just one piece, and ignore the others.

### GET HELP WHEN YOU CAN

**2-1-1** is a national phone service offered by the United Way. It connects you to an information specialist who can link you to community services (e.g., financial, emotional, medical, addiction prevention and other help) for seniors, adults or children

For **local services to help seniors** remain independent, contact;

- The *Erie County Department of Senior Services* (716) 858-8526, www3.erie.gov/seniorservices);
- The *Niagara County Office for the Aging* (716-438-3030 www.NiagaraCounty.com)

The Caregiving Resource Guide, developed by the New York & Michigan Solution Journalism Collaborative, offers over 100 links to information from non-profit groups, government agencies and other organizations, plus rigorous reporting on successful solutions to caregiving (VISIT: WWW.NYMISOJO.COM/RESOURCE-GUIDE/

### **Awareness**

- Focus on the present, instead of past hurts or future fears
   Tune into feelings
  - Less Stress More Satisfaction Deeper Wisdom

### Action

- Speak assertively, not aggressively
   Volunteer and use your powers:
- physical, emotional, social, spiritual

### USE FOUR WAYS TO STOP STRESS

### Use the Satisfaction Skills to:

- -Improve communication between you and others
- -Stop your stress (for a minute, until peacefulness grows into hours)
- -Stop "tunnel-vision" (seeing just the bad when you are stressed)
- -Forgive others and/or pray

## THEN FOLLOW YOUR PLAN FOR EACH PIECE OF YOUR WELLNESS PUZZLE

Collaborate with family, friends, aides and professionals to discuss the "signs" and "steps" in your plan. Then, learn *together* what self-help strategies and/or professional care works best to improve your health and happiness.

### Choose Your Goals



LOVE · PEACE OF MIND · HEALTH INDEPENDENCE · HAPPINESS

### and Check Your Signs.

Appreciation

Be grateful for

Praise others

the good



STRESS · SATISFACTION · DEPRESSION BLOOD PRESSURE · WEIGHT · CHOLESTEROL ILITIES FOR ACTIVITIES · DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE

### Take Some Steps



MEDICATION · THERAPY · SELF-HELP EXERCISE · EAT WELL · GET SUPPORT USE THE "SATISFACTION SKILLS": BE AWADE · AFFIRM · ASSETT · ACCEPT

...and Learn Each Time.

BE AWARE · AFFIRM · ASSERT · ACCEPT RE-CHECK YOUR "SIGNS" TO LEARN WHAT WORKS FOR YOU