CAREGIVER FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES ASSESSMENT

General Resources

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B compiled general resources that are available to support the development of caregiver services and that are not specific to any of the eight Caregiver Friendly Communities Assessment domains, including general aging and caregiving resources that are available statewide in Michigan, available nationally, resources that are illness-specific and resources that are community-specific.

- **Michigan Resources**
- **National Resources**
- **Illness-Specific Caregiver Resources**
- **Community-Specific Caregiver Resources**

Awareness of existing resources is oftentimes the biggest hurdle in supporting caregivers and their families. One organization in the Boston area won a 2016 National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) Innovation award for its ability to have caregiver resources available in a single online access point.

After MetroWest Health Foundation identified the need for a single online access point for caregiving information, it provided planning and implementation grants to support BayPath's efforts to make the site a reality. CareGivingMetroWest.org provides family caregivers in 25 MetroWest Boston communities real-time information and interaction, including a clickable map that allows users to view location-specific resource listings, an interactive glossary of caregiving terms, a blog, an assessment tool and a "Wellness Wall" offering tips and advice. BayPath hired a program manager to create, maintain, expand and promote the site. This work is supported through a series of grants from the MetroWest Health Foundation, in-kind contributions from BayPath Elder Services, Inc. and corporate sponsorships. A planning grant of $60,000, implementation grant of $160,000, and continuation grants of $60,000 and $45,000 have supported the project.

For more information about this project, contact BayPath Elder Services at http://www.baypath.org/ or checkout the online guide at https://www.caregivingmetrowest.org/

Michigan Resources
- Adult Protective Services: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_7119_50647---,00.html
- Aging and Adult Services Agency of the State of Michigan: https://www.michigan.gov/osa
- Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: https://mltcop.org/
- Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA): https://www.michiganveterans.com/

National Resources
- AARP - Family Caregiving: https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/
- ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center: https://archrespite.org/
- Administration for Community Living - creating a person-centered plan for caregiving https://acl.gov/programs/consumer-control/person-centered-planning
- Caregiver Action Network: https://caregiveraction.org/
- Eldercare Locator www.eldercare.gov
- Family Caregiver Alliance: https://www.caregiver.org/
- Medicare www.medicare.gov
- National Alliance for Caregiving: https://www.caregiving.org/
- National Association of Area Agencies on Aging: https://www.n4a.org/
- National Clearinghouse for Long-Term Care Information www.aging.gov
- National Council on Aging: https://www.ncoa.org/
- National Institute on Aging - Caregiving: https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/caregiving
- Social Security Administration www.ssa.gov
- Veterans Administration www.caregiver.va.gov
- Well Spouse Association: https://wellspouse.org/

Illness-Specific Caregiver Resources

Community-Specific Caregiver Resources