

Bexar County Caregiver Support Coalition



Purpose

Address family caregiver needs through a mechanism that is beneficial to caregivers, By bringing caregiving issues to the surface, the coalition acknowledge caregiving and the challenges caregivers face; empowers caregivers and care recipients by helping them identify and access resources; provides choices; works to decrease barriers to services; advocates for caregivers; and assists people in identifying themselves as caregivers. The coalition also assists relevant service agencies by providing referrals and recognizing similar missions among agencies and supporting their efforts. The coalition also provides an opportunity for collaboration among caregivers and professionals working with them. These efforts are all for the sake of improving the quality of care and quality of life of both caregivers and recipients.

Vision

A caring and nurturing community that empowers and support family caregivers to maximize quality of life and quality of service

Mission

The mission of the Bexar County Caregiver Support Coalition is to improve the quality of life for caregivers and care recipients through advocacy, information, support, and access to resources

Bexar County Caregiver Coalition Goals and Objectives

ACCESS

Goal: Caregivers will have access to resources to sustain their efforts including information, respite opportunities, and peer support.

Objectives:

- A. Enhance use of established information and referral networks, especially the Alamo Service Connection.

Indicator: ASC will have identifiable “caregiver links”. Can we measure of use of the links over a specific time period?

- B. Identify barriers to access. Barriers to access may include lack of Internet access, lack of knowledge, or lack of affordable resources.

Indicator: Survey caregivers about what they feel they need with regard to resources. Survey providers to determine what services they offer/don't offer/waiting lists?

AWARENESS

Goal: Caregiving is recognized as a community-wide issue.

Objectives:

- A. Conduct a community awareness campaign using Public Service Announcements, email blasts, billboards to elevate the issue of caregiving in the community.

- B. Develop materials about caregiving and establish a speaker's bureau to address civic groups, employee groups, churches, etc.

Indicator for A and B: Members of the committee will develop a campaign and timeline to implement.

List of participants:

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