



**NEWS RELEASE – Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc.**

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**Free Family Caregiver Workshop Available  
in Jackson County to the Community**

Live in Jackson County or surrounding communities? Are you a family caregiver looking for some educational tools to help you in your caregiving role?

“Powerful Tools for Caregivers” is a free educational series presented by the Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7) that is designed to provide you with the tools to take care of yourself while caring for a relative or friend. It is available to help family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions, and locate helpful resources.

Classes consist of six sessions held once a week. Two experienced class leaders conduct the classes and provide interactive lessons, discussions, and brainstorming to help caregivers take the tools presented and place them in action. Attendees will receive a free book, “*The Caregiver Helpbook*,” developed specifically for the class that covers topics such as hiring in-home help, helping those with memory issues, making legal and financial decisions, and understanding depression.

“Powerful Tools for Caregivers” will give you the tools to:

- Help you reduce stress
- Communicate effectively with other family members, your doctor, and paid help
- Take care of yourself
- Reduce guilt, anger and depression
- Help you relax
- Make tough decisions
- Set goals and problem-solve

Pre-registration for “Powerful Tools for Caregivers” is required by calling Vicki Woyan at the Area Agency on Aging District 7 toll-free at 1-800-582-7277, extension 22215 or e-mail [vwoyan@aaa7.org](mailto:vwoyan@aaa7.org) or [info@aaa7.org](mailto:info@aaa7.org). Please register by February 2, 2018. The classes will be held in Jackson County beginning on February 7<sup>th</sup> and meet each Wednesday until March 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held at the Jackson County Water Department, located at 124 W. Huron Street in Jackson from 10:00 am until 11:30 am.

Your local Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. provides services on a non-discriminatory basis. These services are available to help older adults and those with disabilities live safely and independently in their own homes through services paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, other federal and state resources, as well as private pay. The AAA7's Resource Center is also available to anyone in the community looking for information or assistance with long-term care options. Available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, the Resource Center is a valuable contact for learning more about options and what programs and services are available for assistance.

Those interested in learning more can call toll-free at 1-800-582-7277 (TTY: 711). Here, individuals can speak directly with a trained staff member who will assist them with information surrounding the programs and services that are available to best serve their needs. The Agency also offers an in-home consultation at no cost for those who are interested in learning more. Information is also available on [www.aaa7.org](http://www.aaa7.org), or the Agency can be contacted through e-mail at [info@aaa7.org](mailto:info@aaa7.org). The Agency also has a Facebook page located at [www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7](https://www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7).

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