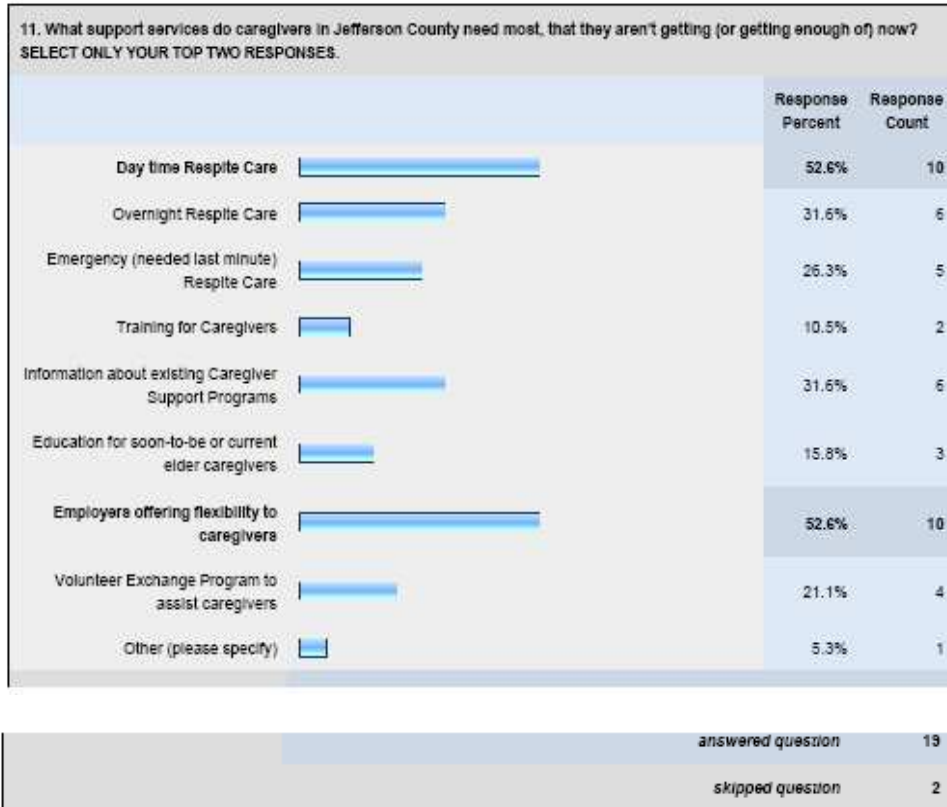


Survey Results for Caregiving and Supportive Services Work Group – Survey Link Sent to JCCoA Member, April and May 2009

[Results are shown below for the questions submitted by the Caregiving and Supportive Services Work Group]



Are there geographic areas of Jefferson County that you feel are lacking caregiver support and services? If yes, describe what areas are lacking which services.

Probably the mountain areas

DK

do not know

I am sure there are rural areas that lack sufficient services.

Dk

Coal Creek Canyon area

DK

don't know

Don't know

South Jefferson County

South Jeffco rural mountain areas

Coal Creek South Jeffco

south Jeff Co (Littleton)

dk, perhaps in the mountains.

No.....mobile programs eliminate geographic boundaries

It is always the areas that are lower income

Unincorporated south Jefferson County.

Mountain areas, in home support

What is the most difficult issue facing caregivers in our county, at this time?

Providing adequate care without raising prices

Balancing life and demands.

burn out, finances

DK - Might be respite.

Caregiver Training such as meeting the nutritional needs of the person (as well as their own), handling stress, caring for the medical needs of the person, etc. I think we over extend ourselves with responsibilities and activities and jobs. If the caregiver is involved in a job, they need to weigh the demands of the job and the needs of the family. That is a difficult decision that the caregiver needs to balance. Answering questions such as the involvement of a day facility, or in home companion and then how to pay for all the services.

Balancing care for immediate family and elders

DK

Overwhelming needs of the family member can tire older caregivers dramatically

The stress of work, family and caregiving, all at the same time and most times without respite.

Cost

knowledge about services affordable services time to get everything done

Flexible work schedules

Money to pay for help. Even Medicaid doesn't pay for enough assistance,

caregiver burnout and not enough scholarships and grant money to cover the respite needs.

Insufficient numbers

lack of resources, caregivers need breaks, financial stress, lack of support with employers

Financial resources to support their caregiving needs.

missing work and time with their own children

Sandwich issues such as FMLA limits (no \$, short time frame considering one may be caring for someone with a long term disability)

What is your most creative, outside the box idea, to support caregivers in Jefferson County?

Providing simple typical financial statements to circulate to seniors showing them how they can best pay for living at a senior community - - using their present income sources - - and using proceeds of selling their other assets e.g. a home

Respite volunteers to give caregivers a regular break.

swapping programs

Any system that would involve people helping each other. I wonder what would happen if we asked each person receiving a service what they were prepared to offer in return. We might get some surprises!

Dk

Neighborhood share care programs where you take care of each other.

Form a caregivers co-up so can exchange hours for caring for each other's loved ones by use of chits/cards for no cost.

Put together a "commune" type structure where people can share their burdens and support or buy a resource that can help multiple people.

Pay respite caregivers.

Senior Resource Center

A huge bartering group where family members, service clubs, volunteers, etc., could somehow work together to provide services, support, and supplies to caregivers similar to Share the Care but would include money or bartered services to purchase services needed. It would also support more than one family.

Co-op

subsidized professional care

Churches need to band together and create a caregiver alliance group for anyone in the community who needs respite support. The care receiver would be charged a nominal fee for the CBI check, the churches could designate a community liaison to field requests and the volunteers would receive credits for their time that could be redeemed at local vendors that buy into the Community Alliance Caregiver Support Network.

Create a foundation to support those who work for people that lack resources to pay them

Tax credit for caregivers.

Some form of compensation to make up for lost wages.

Co-housing for caregiving families

General Info on Survey Respondents

