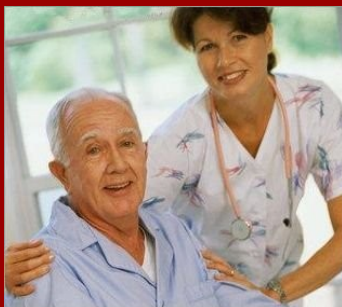


## About the Coalition

The New Mexico Direct Caregivers Coalition was created to enhance and promote family and professional direct care workers, supporting their professional development and advancing issues of importance to the field of long-term and direct care. A caregiver is anyone who serves persons who are elderly and/or disabled.



The Coalition is led by a statewide Leadership



Council of direct caregivers who serve people who are elderly or disabled and includes those with occupations such as certified nursing assistants, home health aides, direct support professionals and direct care workers. An Advisory Group, consisting of individuals from a variety of state agencies, works with the Coalition to guide and support its efforts. The Coalition is committed to solving the issues facing family and professional caregivers of New Mexico.

## Who Can Join

- \* Family Caregivers
- \* Professional Caregivers

## Coalition Services

These are some of the programs of the New Mexico Direct Caregivers Coalition:

### 1 Career Opportunities and Advancement

Additional training and education is important to caregivers and is also a means of professionalizing the field. The Coalition's website has job postings and professional training opportunities.

### 2 Job Benefits

Health insurance and respite is a top concern to caregivers around the state. The Coalition works to improve benefits and to create alternative methods of respite care.

### 3 Social and Professional Networking

All caregivers have a need for affiliation and networking. A message board is coming soon to the Coalition's website to improve communication. The Coalition is the space for personal and professional networking.

### 4 Advocacy

Caregivers so often advocate for persons with disabilities and those who are elderly. By joining the Coalition, caregivers themselves can raise awareness for the causes important to their own personal and professional growth, creating a unified voice for those working in the field.

Whether you are a direct care employee or a family caregiver, becoming a member of the New Mexico Direct Caregivers Coalition gives you a voice to tackle issues like those listed above.

## For More Information

For more information or to become involved, check all that apply:

- ◇ Job/career opportunities and advancement
- ◇ Job/career benefits (health, life insurance and retirement)
- ◇ Work environment (recognition, wellness in the workplace)
- ◇ Social and professional networking
- ◇ Issues around advocacy for caregivers
- ◇ Serving on team to plan Caregivers meetings in my area or region
- ◇ Becoming a member of the Coalition

Complete information below:

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Thank you for your involvement!

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## Looking to the Future

The services caregivers provide are needed now more than ever. Demographic trends indicate a growing gap between the number of people likely to need care and those most likely to provide care. Between 2000 and 2030, the U.S. population age 85 and older—those most likely to need



personal care services—is projected to more than double, from 4.3 million to 8.9 million. With our rapidly growing aging population in the U.S. and in New Mexico, demand for direct care

workers will only increase in the future.



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