What is Powerful Tools for Caregivers?

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a class series that supports caregivers in taking care of yourself while caring for someone else. By taking care of your own health and well-being, you become a better caregiver.

Six classes held once a week are led by experienced class leaders. Class participants are given *The Caregiver Helpbook* to accompany the class and provide additional caregiver resources.





www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is owned and managed by Iowa State University of Science and Technology.



Caregiving can be a challenge, but it's easier when you're prepared.



This six-week class series gives you the confidence and support to better care for your loved one – and yourself.

Are you a caregiver?

Caregiving takes many forms. You may help a relative or friend with:

- transportation
- housekeeping
- · grocery shopping
- personal care
- medications
- emotional support
- doctor appointments
- social activities
- living arrangements
- financial concerns
- legal or insurance issues

Whether you provide care for a spouse, partner, parent, or friend, at home or in a care facility, whether down the block or miles away, yours is an important role.

This course is for caregivers like you!

The class will give you tools to help:

- Reduce stress
- Improve self-confidence
- Manage time, set goals, and solve problems
- Communicate in challenging situations
- · Make tough decisions
- · Locate helpful resources



When you take care of yourself, everyone benefits.



Find Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes:

- Contact your county Family
 Caregiver Support Program for a local class schedule.
- Contact Powerful Tools for Caregivers Headquarters
 www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org

"After taking this class I am a more confident caregiver! Having tools to resolve problems is a definite advantage in becoming a better caregiver and a happier, wiser, healthier me...and a healthier 'us'!" - PTC Class Participant