2020 monthly Caregiver Classes
from BJC Home Care

Classes for those caring for their loved one — personal and professional insight from BJC employees who care. Each class is individually tailored to meet the needs of those in attendance.

Instructors are specialists with BJC HealthCare. Additional experts will also supplement class instruction, where indicated. This is not a class for continuing education credits or patient care technician certifications.

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**Dates:** Second Tuesday of the month, from January–December. Classes and materials are free to the public. Attend any classes that are right for you. Classes don’t need to be taken consecutively and do not build on each other.

**Location:** Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital, 12634 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. All classes except August will be held in the East conference room off the main lobby. August’s class is held in room 3100Y on the third floor.

**Time:** 1-2:30 p.m.

**TO REGISTER, CALL:** 314-542-9378

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**Supporting the Caregiver**
Feb. 11 and Aug. 11
Learn about signs and risks of compassion fatigue (caregiver burnout) and ways to help. An experienced medical social worker will provide coping techniques and resources for caregivers.

**Practical Tips for Day-to-Day Home Care**
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**Home Care Choices and How to Find Assistance at Home**
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**Legal Matters & Goals of Care**
May 12 and Nov. 10
An attorney will present information on important legal matters to address with your loved ones. A palliative social worker will share ways to discuss goals of care and long-term planning. Advance directives will be discussed.

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