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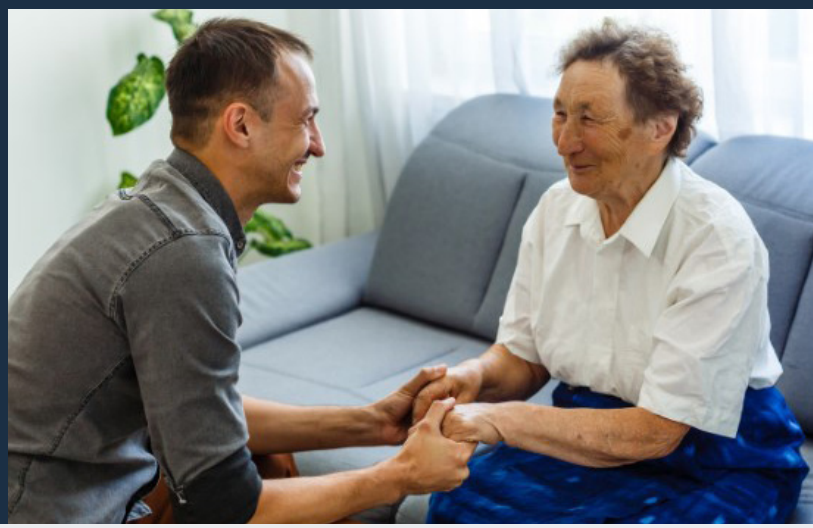
Become a Paid Caregiver!

Working as a Caregiver is more than a job – it's making a difference.

Provide compassionate support to older adults and people with disabilities to help them remain in their homes and communities. Caregivers help with daily living tasks like bathing, dressing, grooming, grocery shopping and meal preparation.



Caregiver Careers
WASHINGTON

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Caregiver Career Benefits

Personal fulfillment – Work knowing you'll make a difference in someone's life.

Choice – Every day is different. Work a schedule that fits your lifestyle.

Train quickly – Training and related materials may be offered in several languages and may be completed after you start working.

Benefits - Many employers offer health insurance and other benefits.

How to Become a Certified Home Care Aide

- Check with employers in your area – Some may hire and then pay for training and certification.
- Complete 75 hours of training.
- Take knowledge and skills exams, which are offered in many languages.
- Pass the exam and get your certification through the Department of Health!

Work Environment

Individual's Home – A caregiver works in a private home with one resident and may work flexible hours.

Adult Family Home – A caregiver works in a licensed private home setting with one to eight residents and may work consistent hours.

Assisted Living Facility – A caregiver works in a large licensed community residential setting with several residents and may work consistent hours.

Career Advancement Opportunities

A paid caregiving job may lead to other careers in the health care field with additional training and experience.

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