

# Talking to Your Parents About Home Care

Guidelines for  
Facilitating In-Home  
Care for Aging Parents



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Talking to Your Parents about Home Care At AccuAid Care, we have helped thousands of families navigate the challenges that arise with aging. We create personalized care plans for seniors so they receive the lifestyle assistance, personal care and companionship that is suited to their needs while maintaining as much independence as possible. Our framework for an open and honest discussion about home care can help you and your loved ones recognize the need for care and understand how it can positively impact all of your lives.



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## How Can Home Care Help You?care team

A caregiver can be a tremendous source of support for seniors as they age. Our caregivers provide support for all activities of daily living, including bathing, grooming, dressing, ambulating, household tasks, meal preparation and transportation. They also provide companionship and encourage mental and physical stimulation to promote independence and overall wellness. Caregivers are available on a hourly or around the clock basis depending on an individual's needs. Our Care Plans are tailored specifically to our client's condition.

Whether they are transitioning home from the hospital, recovering from a stroke, or managing a disease such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's, we can help.

### How to Encourage Your Parent to Accept Help.

#### Approach your parent with a united front.

Approach your parent with a united front. Approaching the conversation with siblings or other family members may help. When everyone is on the same page and saying the same thing, your parents may be more open to suggestions.

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## Involve a doctor

If the resistance remains too much, call for backup. If resistance remains high, involve your parent's physician. A recommendation from his or her doctor, a trusted professional, goes a long way and takes the onus off of you.

## Arranging a Family Meeting to Discuss Aging

We recommend scheduling a family meeting to discuss your parents' care needs, whether they are immediate, or will become an issue in the future. It is critical to set an agenda and address all the difficult questions associated with aging, but it is even more important to understand how every family member feels about the various care options.

## Be open about your worries

It is important to be upfront and communicate your concerns; help your parents understand why you're worried about them and give them an opportunity to share their own concerns with you. Be open about any fears and offer support to one another.

## Consider home care for aging in place

Do your parents prefer to age at home like 9 out of 10 seniors do? Home care provides a comprehensive solution that serves as an alternative to a senior community or nursing home. Home care also provides personalized, one-on-one care at all times, oftentimes being more cost effective than an assisted living facility.

## Decide together

what is most important. Many of our parents simply don't want to become a burden to us as they age. Draft a list of tasks that you or your siblings would have to take on without additional support. Make sure you communicate clearly with one another so that you arrive at an informed and collective family decision.

## Discuss exactly what a caregiver does

Caregivers are not there to take away independence, nor are they there to do everything for your mom or dad. Caregivers provide help with tasks when it is needed and stand back when it is not. Most important, our caregivers provide compassion and companionship to our clients and peace of mind to their family members.

## Contact us with Questions

Should you have any further questions Call us today to learn more about how we can help. We are happy to help facilitate a family meeting and answer questions - without any obligation.

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