

VA Caregiver Benefits Provide Financial Relief and Tools To Succeed.

VA understands that caregiving can be a tough job. That's why VA's Caregiver Support Program offers training, resources and tools to help you take on this important role.

Curtis, a Marine Corps Veteran, medically retired after an injury and needed around-the-clock care. His wife, Jenna, became his caregiver. "I've had to learn to be his eyes and his ears," she says.

Through VA's Caregiver Support Program, caregivers have access to a local Caregiver Support Coordinator. This licensed professional is devoted to providing useful information and connecting caregivers in the community. The program also provides peer support mentoring, a support phone line and a website with a wealth of resources on family caregiving. The Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, a program specifically for eligible Post 9/11 Veterans and their caregivers offers additional supports and services, including access to health insurance and financial assistance. The primary family caregiver must meet certain criteria, but is not required to be the Veteran's spouse.

Jenna's roll has changed over the years, but VA's program has given her the resources she and her family need. "If it weren't for the VA, there are times I honestly don't know what we would do," she says.

Visit www.Explore.VA.gov to learn more about VA benefits and how to apply.