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Services and information for older adults and adults with disabilities in Wake County, North Carolina

SUPPORT GROUPS

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The following support groups are a free community service. Groups are sorted by topic. Support groups vary a great deal in size and in format – some are structured, offering a specific topic or educational program for each meeting, while others are flexible and more focused on sharing experiences among members. This is not a complete list of groups offered in Wake County.

To figure out whether a particular group will meet your needs, talk to the facilitator before attending your first meeting. Additionally, some groups may decide to change meeting times or to skip a meeting occasionally, so it's a good idea to call ahead to verify time and place.

Caregiv	Caregiving (General)									
Area	Sponsor(s)	Name / Type	Meeting Place	Day and Time	Facilitator/Contact(s)					
Cary	Resources for	Caregiver Support	Cary Senior Center	3 rd Monday,	Heather Arcuri, 919-462-3983 or					
	Seniors and	Group	120 Maury O'Dell Place,	1 to 2 p.m.	984-232-4523, or					
	Heartland	(and Caregiver	27513		carysc@rfsnc.org					
	Hospice	Counseling			*Register at Cary Senior Center					
		appointments)			front desk or on https://mycary.org/					
Raleigh		Caregiver's Support	Abbotswood at Stonehenge	3 rd Thursday,	Tracy Taylor, 919-847-3202 or					
		Group for Adult	7900 Creedmoor Road,	6 to 7:30 p.m.	tracy.taylor@kiscosl.com; or Robyn					
		Children of Aging	27613		Myers, <u>ramyers20@gmail.com</u>					
		Parents	*Currently meeting							
			virtually via Zoom							
Wendell	Resources for	Caregiver Support	Eastern Wake Senior	3 rd Tuesdays,	Nancy Broadwell, 919-996-4738					
	Seniors and	Group	Center	1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	or 984-232-4215, or					
	Heartland		323 Lake Drive, 27591		raleighsc@rfsnc.org					
	Hospice				*Call before attending					
*Virtual	Heartland	Caregiver Support	Via phone	2 nd and 4 th Thursdays,	Kristin Lassiter,					
	Hospice	Group		1 to 2 p.m.	919-877-9959 or					
					kristin.lassiter@hcrmanorcare.com					

Caregiving (General)

For additional caregiver support resources:

- Center for Volunteer Caregiving, 919-460-0567, www.volunteercaregiving.org/programs/#Caregiver-Support
- Transitions CareGiver Support, 919-828-0890, <u>www.transitionslifecare.org/families/caregiversupport</u>

Area	Sponsor(s)	Name / Type	Meeting Place	Day and Time	Facilitator/Contact(s)
Raleigh	ALS Association	Triangle Family Support Group	North Carolina Chapter Office 4 N. Blount Street, Suite 200, 27601 *Currently meeting virtually	2 nd Monday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.	E. Belleau, LCSW, 919-390-0120 or ebelleau@alsnc.org
Raleigh	ALS Association	Caregiver Chat Time with Meg	Dial (312) 757-3121 and enter Access Code: 152-034-869	Check Calendar of Events for date and time. Click here.	Meg Whitaker, MSW mwhitaker@alsnc.org

For additional ALS support group options:

• ALS Association, www.als.org/local-support/support-groups

Alzhein	Alzheimer's Disease / Dementia									
Area	Sponsor(s)	Name / Type	Meeting Place	Day and Time	Facilitator/Contact(s)					
Apex	Dementia	Dementia Support	Spring Arbor of Apex	2 nd Thursday,	Tonya Headen-Lee, 919-303-9990 or					
	Alliance	Group	901 Spring Arbor Court, 27502	10:30 a.m.	axed@hhhunt.com					
Cary	Dementia	Dementia Support	Glenaire	3 rd Tuesday,	Mary Arthur, 919-447-4494 or					
	Alliance	Group	5000 Glenhope Court, 27511	10:30 a.m.	marthur@glenaire.org					
			*Options for in person and							
			virtually							
Cary	Dementia	Family Support	Brookdale MacArthur Park	3 rd Thursday,	Casey Hix, 919-460-5959 or					
	Alliance	Group (for family	111 MacArthur Drive, 27513	7 p.m.	cary.avc@sunriseseniorliving.com					
		and friends)								
Cary	Alzheimer's	Male Caregiver	*Currently meeting virtually	2 nd Fridays,	800-272-3900					
	Association	Support Group		10 to 11:30 a.m.	*Registration required (online <u>here</u>)					

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Durham	Duke Dementia Family Support Program	Younger Onset Support Group (for those living with memory loss and their care partners)	Via Zoom	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.	Bobbi Matchar, MSW, 919-660-7509 or bobbi.matchar@duke.edu *Pre-registration required; call ahead before attending
Fuquay	Dementia Alliance	Dementia Support Group	Windsor Point 1221 Broad Street, 27526	1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.	Kathy Seawell, 919-210-7525 or sakatielong@hotmail.com
Raleigh	Dementia Alliance	Fronto-Temporal Dementia (FTD) Caregivers	Via Zoom	3 rd Tuesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m.	Paul Lester, 919-538-4827 or pblester58@gmail.com; or Chad Thomsen, 919-946-0876 or chad.thomsen@gmail.com
Raleigh	Dementia Alliance	Dementia Support Group	St. Francis of Assisi (Anthony Hall, Room 405) 11401 Leesville Road, 27613	3 rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Lynne Carpenter, 937-478-9537 lynne@phicare.com
Raleigh	Dementia Alliance	Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Support Group	Spring Arbor of Raleigh 1810 N. New Hope Road, 27604	3 rd Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.	Sandra Taranto, 919-250-0255 or ered@hhhunt.com
Raleigh	Dementia Alliance	Dementia Support Group	Beth Meyer Synagogue 504 Newton Road, 27615	3 rd Mondays, 6 p.m.	Rachel Strauss, 919-848-0303 or rbs@nc.rr.com
Varies	Alzheimer's Association	Support Groups	Support Group- PDF to view online for current list.	Varies	800-272-3900 *Click here for Community Resource finder to register for event.
*Virtual	Alzheimer's Association	African American Caregiver Support Group		2 nd Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.	800-272-3900 *Registration required (online here)
*Virtual	Duke Dementia Family Support Program	African American Dementia Care Partner Support Group	Via Zoom	3 rd Tuesday from 7-8:15 p.m.	Tiffany Summers, 919-660-7508, tiffany.summers@duke.edu
*Virtual	Duke Dementia Family Support Program	Long-Term Care Community Support Group	Via Zoom	3 rd Tuesdays, 12 to 1:15 p.m.	Natalie Leary, MSW, LCSW, 919-660-7542 or natalie.leary@duke.edu

Alzheimer's Disease / Dementia, continued

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*Virtual	Duke Dementia Family Support Program	Duke Dementia Evening Care Partner Support Group	Via Zoom	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.	Natalie Leary, MSW, LCSW, 919-660-7542 or natalie.leary@duke.edu
*Virtual	Duke Dementia Family Support Program	Person Living with Memory Loss Diagnosis Group	Via Zoom	3 rd Mondays, 11 a.m.	Janeli McNeal, MSW, 919-660- 7565, janeli.mcneal@duke.edu

For additional Alzheimer's Disease / Dementia support group options:

- Duke Dementia Family Support Program, 919-660-7510, www.dukefamilysupport.org/support-groups
- Dementia Alliance of North Carolina, 919-832-3732, www.dementianc.org/helpsupport/support-groups
- Alzheimer's Association of Eastern North Carolina, www.alz.org/nc/helping_you/virtual-offerings

Amputa	Amputation									
Area	Sponsor(s)	Name / Type	Meeting Place	Day and Time	Facilitator/Contact(s)					
Raleigh	WakeMed	Raleigh Amputee Support Group	WakeMed Raleigh Campus (Rehab Conference Room #2) 3000 New Bern Avenue, 27610	3 rd Wednesday, 4 to 5 p.m. ** Meeting virtually during Covid, pls call/email for Zoom invite	WakeMed Rehab & Physical Therapy, Beth Soto, 919-350-8903 or bsoto@wakemed.org					

For additional amputee support group options:

• The Amputee Coalition, 888-267-5669, www.amputee-coalition.org/support-groups-peer-support/support-group-network

Brain I	Brain Injury									
Area	Sponsor(s)	Name	Meeting Place	Day and Time	Facilitator/Contact(s)					
Cary	WakeMed	Cary Brain Injury	WakeMed Cary Hospital	2 nd Mondays,	Norman Case, 919-244-6221					
		Support Group	(Conference Center)	6:30 to 8 p.m.						
			1900 Kildaire Farm Road, 27518							
Raleigh	WakeMed	Triangle Brain Injury	WakeMed Raleigh Campus	3 rd Tuesday,	Brain Injury Association of					
		Support Group (a	(Conference Dining)	6:30 to 8 p.m.	North Carolina (BIANC), 919-					
		separate caregiver	3000 New Bern Avenue, 27610		833-9634					
		support group meets at								
		the same time)								

For additional brain injury support group options:

• Brain Injury Association of North Carolina (BIANC), 919-833-9634, www.bianc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Brain-Injury-Support-Groups-In-person-Virtual.pdf

Diabetes								
Area	Sponsor(s)	Name	Meeting Place	Day and Time	Facilitator/Contact(s)			
*Virtual	WakeMed	Diabetes Support		1 st Wednesdays,	WakeMed Diabetes Management,			
		Group		6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	919-350-2198 or			
					wmdiabetessupport@wakemed.org			

For additional diabetes support group options:

• American Diabetes Association (North & South Carolina Office), 704-373-9111, <u>ADACarolinas@diabetes.org</u>

Grief /	Grief / Bereavement									
Area	Sponsor(s)	Name	Meeting Place	Day and Time	Facilitator/Contact(s)					
Cary	Resources for Seniors and Heartland Hospice	"Pathways to Peace" Grief Group	Cary Senior Center 120 Maury O'Dell Place, 27513	1 st Monday, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	Heather Arcuri, 919-462-3983, or carysc@rfsnc.org *Register at Cary Senior Center front desk or https://mycary.org/					
Wake	Resources for	Grief Counseling	Northern Wake Senior Center	3rd Tuesday,	Keith Vaughn, BC					

Forest	Seniors and	appointments	235 E Holding Avenue in	3 p.m. to 4 p.m.	919-554-4111
	Heartland Hospice		Wake Forest		*Call ahead to schedule a
					1-on-1 Grief Counseling
					appointment

For additional grief/bereavement support group options:

• Transitions GriefCare, 919-719-7199, <u>www.transitionslifecare.org/families/grief-care</u>

Parkinso	Parkinson's Disease									
Area	Sponsor(s)	Name	Meeting Place	Day and Time	Facilitator/Contact(s)					
Raleigh	Resources for	Parkinson's Dialog	Five Points Center	1st Thursday (except	Nancy Broadwell, 919-996-4738					
	Seniors	Group	2000 Noble Road, 27608	holidays), 1:30 to 3	or 984-232-4215, or					
				p.m.	raleighsc@rfsnc.org,					
					*Call or email for more					
					information					
Wake	Resources for	Parkinson's Support	Northern Wake Senior Center	2 nd Tuesdays, 1 to	Nancy Broadwell, 919-996-4738					
Forest	Seniors	Groups	235 E. Holding Ave., 27587	2:30 p.m.	or 984-232-4215, or					
					raleighsc@rfsnc.org,					
					*Call or email for more					
					information					

For additional Parkinson's support group options:

• Parkinson Association of the Carolinas, 980-245-2786 or 866-903-7275, www.parkinsonassociation.org/support-groups

Stroke									
Area	Sponsor(s)	Name	Meeting Place	Day and Time	Facilitator/Contact(s)				
Cary	WakeMed	Cary Stroke Support	WakeMed Cary Hospital	3 rd Wednesday, 7 to	919-350-0875				
		Group	(Conference Center)	8:30 p.m.					
			1900 Kildaire Farm Road, 27518						
*Virtual	WakeMed	Virtual Stroke		2 nd Tuesdays,	919-350-8993 or				
		Survivor Support		Noon to 1 p.m.	lchambers@wakemed.org				

Group		

To find support group options on other topics:

- Aphasia: Triangle Aphasia Project, 919-650-3854, www.aphasiaproject.org
- Huntington's Disease: HD Reach, 919-803-8128, www.hdreach.org/support-groups/triangle-support-group.html
- Multiple Sclerosis: National MS Society, <u>www.nationalmssociety.org/Resources-Support/Find-Support/Join-a-Local-Support-Group</u>
- Veterans: VA Caregiver Support: 855-260-3274, <u>www.caregiver.va.gov</u>