Supporting Suspected CTE Caregivers



Being the caregiver for a loved one with suspected CTE can be an incredible challenge. You may spend so much time caring for your loved one, you neglect your own needs. **Below are some tips for caregivers.**

Look after yourself first

- Setting aside time for self-care is an essential part of being a supportive caregiver.
- Put your own healthcare needs first and reach out if you need help.
- Prioritize activities that build your physical, emotional, mental and spiritual energy such as:

Meditation Regular exercise Mindfulness Reading Listening to music Cooking Proper rest Healthy diet Being Social

Create a support network

- It is important to build a strong and empathetic network of people who can support you and your loved one. You are not alone.
- Talk to a sibling, friend, parent, or therapist.
- Be open about your experiences with those who many not see your loved one at their worst.
- Our Peer Support Connection program is a great way to connect to a fellow suspected CTE caregiver.

Reach out to the <u>Concussion & CTE</u>
<u>Foundation HelpLine</u> to find a peer support volunteer to lean on for support.

Create a resource tool box

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

1-800-273-8255

National Domestic Violence Hotline:

1-800-799-7233

SAMHSA Helpline:

1-800-662-4357

Questions:

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