

Re: seeking information

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When reading today's newspaper, I happened across an article entitled, "Care-giving crisis looms for the elderly" and it spoke to the issue your friend is embroiled in.

While I have no idea if these people can give you any ideas, or whether just letting them know of the situation as it stands in Tennessee would be helpful, here is the information I gleaned from the article:

Dr. Larry Wright is co-director of Caregiving Project for Older Americans, a joint effort for the Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education in Springdale, Arkansas and the International Longevity Center-USA in New York. Perhaps some research on this project would yield some idea of what can and can't be done, and whether they even know the situation in Tennessee.

They are stating that 20% of our older adult population is going without the care they need and it will only increase.

What makes your friend's case so sad is the parents only need help with rent and car upkeep. It isn't as though they need 24-hour care. It isn't as though they can't continue to live together in their own home. It would seem prudent and financially responsible for Tennessee to help keep them in their own home rather than eventually having every nursing home in Tennessee filled with people who could have stayed at home had they had a bit of help.

This thread seems to have deteriorated into "what terrible children who won't even look after their own parents", but I don't see that to be the case here. I see three children who don't have the money to take care of aging parents (and there is no sin in not being financially able to take on another family, even parents), but who are so concerned about it they are discussing it and trying to find a solution that will help their parents. I think they are to be commended.

CatLoverSu wrote:

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I'm asking for a friend. I'm hoping somebody here has some resources that I missed.