



ALAMEDA COUNTY CARE ALLIANCE FORMATION:

In 2014, 5 denominationally diverse African-American pastors in Alameda County recognized increasing problems with serious health concerns among their congregants and poor integration of spiritual concerns into health care for those with serious illness. In response, with input from congregants, health systems, community groups and national organizations, the Alameda County Care Alliance Advanced Illness Care Program™ was developed. Now with over 14 churches, the ACCA program helps to bridge the gap between health delivery systems, community organizations and faith-based communities in managing advanced illness.

Over the last 2 years, the Advanced Illness Care Program™ has helped over 2,200 persons needing care and caregivers.

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OUR COLLABORATORS

CHURCHES

- Allen Temple Baptist Church
- Bethlehem Baptist Church
- Center of Hope Community Church
- Church By The Side Of The Road
- Covenant Church
- Family Bible Fellowship
- First Baptist Pittsburg
- Glad Tidings COGIC
- Greater St. John MBC
- McGee Ave Baptist Church
- Miracles of Faith
- Parchester First Baptist Church
- Taylor Memorial Methodist Church
- Word Assembly Family of Churches

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Public Health Institute
- Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, UC Davis
- Center for Elders' Independence
- Coalition to Transform Advanced Care
- Community Health Center Network
- Family Caregiver Alliance
- Highland Hospital
- Horizon Clinical Services
- Kaiser Permanente
- The Zen Hospice Project

FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS

- Kaiser Permanente Northern California
- Community Benefit Program
- The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation
- Stupski Foundation
- The San Francisco Foundation
- California Health Care Foundation



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Helping persons needing advanced illness care and their caregivers manage their spiritual, health, advance care planning, social, and caregiving needs.

ADVANCED ILLNESS CARE PROGRAM™

WHAT IS AN ADVANCED ILLNESS?

An advanced illness is where health worsens over time and treatment becomes less helpful. Serious advanced illnesses are difficult to deal with physically, emotionally, and spiritually - not only for individuals afflicted with the illness, but also family members, friends, and caregivers.

WHAT DO WE DO?

The Alameda County Care Alliance Advanced Illness Care Program™ has Care Navigators who work to identify and address needs, provide trusted resources and empower persons needing advanced illness care and their caregivers in 5 big cornerstones, all free of charge:



SPIRITUAL

Prayer, support group, and church ministry recommendations



PLANNING FOR ADVANCE CARE

Understanding preferences for advance care planning



HEALTH

Empowerment, medication lists, provider communication



SOCIAL

Transportation, meals, housing, socialization



CAREGIVING

Respite care, support groups

CARE NAVIGATOR SUPPORT

Through a series of **10 in-person meetings and phone conversations over 6 months**, the Care Navigator will help congregants and community members meet their advanced illness care needs and link them to resources:

- Spiritual support
- Food
- Housing
- Transportation
- Social services
- Respite care
- Advance care planning
- Health care
- Palliative care
- Hospice
- Grief support

In addition, navigators provide participants with tools, enhanced skills, and empowerment for more efficient communication with their clinicians and health management.



navigate through the system because the system is confusing."

"Besides information, you get navigation. You get the information, but being able to be like, okay, this is how you put it together. The Care Navigator can help you

Care Navigators are active faith community members who are trained in community outreach and advanced illness care support.

WHO WE HELP

PERSONS NEEDING CARE

If you or someone in your family is living with an advanced illness, the Advanced Illness Care Program™ is here to help. You will receive navigation support to identify your spiritual, advance care planning, health, social and caregiving needs and find the resources and benefits you deserve.

CAREGIVERS

For caregivers, the Advanced Illness Care Program™ offers a partner to help you connect to resources for your loved ones and yourself. We are aware of and sensitive to the emotional, spiritual, and physical demands of caring for others and we seek to assist caregivers in taking care of themselves while caring for others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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