

#### **WEBINAR**

#### Returning to Work After Taking a Career Break to Care for a Parent or Spouse

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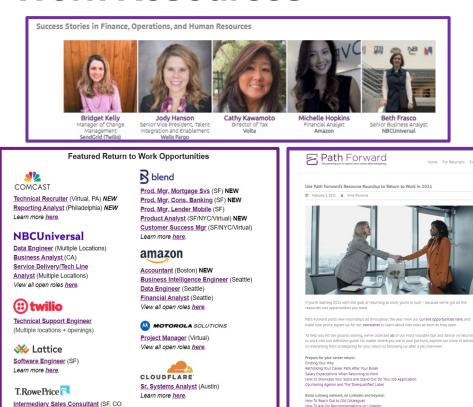
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### Path Forward Return to Work Resources

Springs, Baltimore)

- <u>Weekly Newsletter</u>: Jobs, Advice, Curated News
- <u>Career Advice</u> (Have a question? <u>Ask now</u>!)
- Success Stories: Get inspired!
- Webinars
- · Latest updates on social:
  - LinkedIN: Path Forward.ORG
  - <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>: @PathFWD



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5 Ways to Connect and Grow Your Network Virtually

What To Do When Linkedin Requests Aren't Successful How To Network Without Feeling 'Irky'

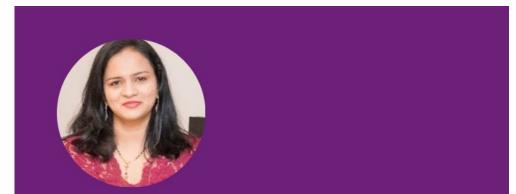
#### Path Forward Webinar Recordings and Resources

- <u>Returnships 101</u>
- <u>Creating a Career Restart Strategy</u>
- <u>Restarting Your Career with Confidence</u>
- <u>Revamping Your Resume</u>
- Leveraging Your LinkedIn
- <u>Strategies for Making a Career Pivot</u>
- A Returner's Guide to Updating Your Skills
- <u>Restarting Your Technical Career After Caregiving</u>

This is just the beginning! For more, visit us at <u>www.pathforward.org/events</u>



#### Support Our Mission to Empower Caregivers



"Path Forward has offered me so much support and encouragement. This organization has taken care of me in many unexpected ways. I'll be eternally grateful to Path Forward for helping me find my path and a new sense of purpose."

**RACHNA P.** 2021 Allstate Returner



We are so grateful for your support!



## Returning to Work After a Career Break to Care for a Parent or Spouse



May 18th, 2022 Path Forward



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- Caregiving Background
- AARP's Employer Outreach work
- Transferable Skills
- Tips and Resources



"There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers. Those who are currently caregivers. Those who will be caregivers, and those who will need a caregiver."

- ROSALYN CARTER





### Who are Caregivers?



48 million Americans are caring for an adult (18 years and older)

Provide on average 24 hours of unpaid care each week

Care tasks include:

- Personal care
- Managing medication
- Transportation
- Preparing meals
- Housekeeping
- Organizing finances



## **Working Caregivers**



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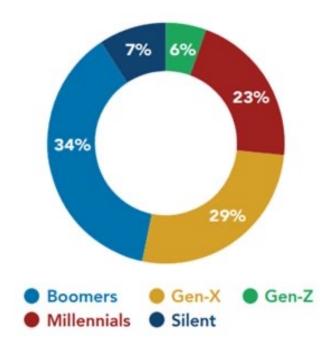


Today, 73% of US workers are also caregivers.

#### **Pre-Pandemic:**

- 61% of working caregivers experienced at least 1 work related impact due to caregiving responsibilities
- Most reported going in late, leaving early, or taking time off
- **1 in 10** working caregivers had to give up work entirely or retire early

# **Caregivers are Diverse**



- 4 in 10 are Male
- 17% are Hispanic/Latino
- 14% are African American/Black
- 5% are Asian American/Pacific Islander



### Why Caregiving Supports Matter to Employers

- <u>Central</u> to diversity, inclusion, and equity (DEI)
- A key retention and recruitment tool
- When working family caregivers are supported, they are healthier, more engaged, more productive, and loyal
- Without support, working caregivers can cost their employers \$2,721 per caregiver, per year



#### **AARP's Work Influencing and Equipping Employers**

- 1. Employer Caregiving Outreach
- 2. Multigen Workforce and Age Diversity
- 3. Employer Pledge Program



### **1. Employer Caregiving**



#### Resources

- Small Business Caregiving Guide
- Employer Landing Page
- Supporting Caregivers in the Workplace
- ERG Toolkit

#### **Programming/Outreach**

- Webinars
- Manager Training

#### www.aarp.org/employercaregiving

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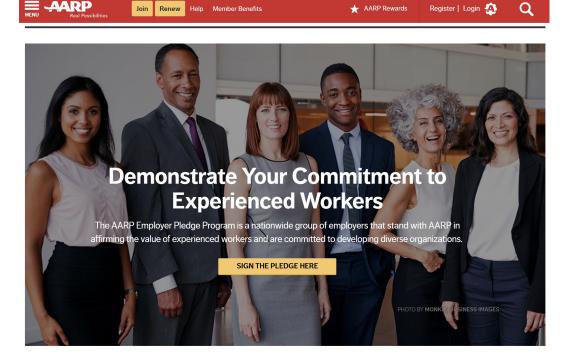
### 2. Multigen Workforce and Age Diversity

- Engage HR and DEI professionals on the value of older workers
- Age diversity is good for business
- Age should be part of your diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies





### 3. Employer Pledge Program



www.aarp.org/employerpledge

### **Current Labor Market**

- Unemployment is at a near-50-year low – 3.6%
- Resignations are at their highest point in 20 years, and fewer people are "unretiring"
- The workforce is increasingly diverse, especially at younger ages







- The top in-demand skills aren't technical, they're HUMAN
  - Analytical thinking
  - Active learning
  - Complex problem-solving
  - Creativity, originality & initiative
  - Emotional intelligence
- However, most jobs now involve some interaction with technology, and the jobs of the future will be increasingly hybrid (humans:machines:algorithms)



### Transferable Skills: Know your skillset



Caregivers bring a unique skillset....

- Empathy
- Communication
- Problem-solving
- Advocacy
- Negotiation/Persuasion
- Project management
- Organizational and multi-tasking
- Interpersonal
- Care management



### Transferable Skills (cont'd)



Reference these skills in your resumé and interview

- Gaps in resumé
  - $\circ~$  Be honest and transparent
  - Consider a functional resumé format or add caregiving experience chronologically
  - $\circ$  Explain in cover letter
  - Use job description language in your resumé
- Pull some examples from caregiving experience to answer interview questions



#### Self-Assess- What do you look for in an Employer?



- 1. Type of Work
  - Industry
  - Volunteer
  - Part-time
  - Self-employed
- 2. Flexibility/Benefits
- 3. Culture



#### Job Search, Reskilling, Application, and Interview Tips



- Job Board <u>www.aarp.org/jobs</u>
- Resumé Advisor <u>www.aarp.org/resume</u>
- Skills Builder <u>www.aarp.org/workskills</u>
- Webinars <u>www.aarp.org/learnat50plus</u>
- Small Business Resource Center
  <u>www.smallbizrc.org/</u>
- AARP Small Business Site

https://www.aarp.org/work/small-business/





### **Caregiving Consumer Resources**

#### AARP

AARP Family Caregiving Guide

Look inside for: 5 Key Steps for Your Caregiving Journey General Needs Assessment to Help Evaluate Your Situation A Simple Goals and Needs Checklist





FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

- AARP Family Caregiving Guide <u>www.aarp.org/workandcare</u>
- Financial Workbook for Family Caregivers
  <u>www.aarp.org/caremoneyguide</u>
- Community Resource Finder
  <u>www.aarp.org/crf</u>
- Live and Recorded Webinars <u>www.aarp.org/caregivingemployer</u>









#### AARP Family Caregiving Facebook Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/aarpfamilycaregivers

#### **Caregiving Resource Center**

www.aarp.org/caregiving or www.aarp.org/cuidar in Spanish



Online Community www.aarp.org/caregivingcommunity



Medical/Nursing Task Tutorials for Family Caregivers <a href="http://www.aarp.org/nolongeralone">www.aarp.org/nolongeralone</a>



Caregiving Resource Line 1-877-333-5885

AARP Community Resources