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**In-Home Care for Disabled and Elderly**

Do you have a friend or loved one who is disabled or elderly and needs help to continue living at home? There are currently many openings in a new **In-Home Care Program\*** which can help provide for this person's care. The program is sponsored by the State of Tennessee.

Requirements include:

- Being 21 years of age
- Having a 24-hour caregiver
- Being eligible for Medicaid

Benefits include being able to live at home with the caregiver of their choice, plus the ability to maintain independence and a familiar lifestyle. This is a real comfort to people who need assistance but don't want to move into a nursing home -- or have limited finances.

Services covered include:

- Personal care
- Homemaking
- Emergency response systems
- Home-delivered meals
- Respite care
- Minor home modifications
- Case management

The program is administered through the South Central Tennessee Development District/Area Agency on Aging and Disability. The District covers 13 counties: Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, and Wayne.

The District's Aging Program Director Ed Brooks says, "Many of us are worried about a parent or other family member who needs help but wants to maintain independence and stay at home -- or maybe can't afford a nursing home or assisted living. **In-Home Care** is a perfect solution, and we have many openings and funds available right now. Our caring staff will help make arrangements. **Call this toll-free number today: 1-866-836-6678.**"

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