

## CARERS & EMPLOYMENT

### **TIPS FOR CARERS & EMPLOYERS**

Do you deal with the challenges of what may seem two jobs; one paid and one unpaid and meeting the needs of them both?

Supporting unpaid, family carers and employers to work together.

www.every-one.org.uk/services/employment





# HOW EMPLOYERS CAN SUPPORT WORKING CARERS

- Create and support an in house Carers network
- Do what's morally right and common sense
- Talk and listen to their employees who are carers
- Flexible and remote working practices—Options for tele-working or working from home
- Join Employers for Carers
- Provide practical support, advice, information and training
- Be "Carer Aware"
- Provide peer support and mentoring
- Work place support: carers leave, flexible leave, emergency leave, parental leave, careers breaks

- Create a specific Carers Policy
- Signpost and refer to the Carers Support Service
- Offer carers access to health and well-being support initiatives
- Find and deploy high profile company Carers' Champion
- Give support when your caring role comes to an end
- Carer passport outlining agreed arrangements for individual carers
- Help non carers better understand what it is like to be a carer
- Adopt carer proof HR policies and practices
- Take part in the Lincolnshire Carers Quality Award (ask Every-One for more details)

# CARERS & EMPLOYERS WORKING TOGETHER

It can be difficult to combine work with caring for a family member or friend who could not manage without help due to an illness, disability, mental ill health or substance misuse problem.

#### YOU ARE NOT ALONE

In the UK there are over 3 million working carers

1 in 9 people in a workforce will be caring for someone who is older, disabled or seriously ill

24% of working carers receive full support from their employer

44% of active carers don't consider themselves to be carers

Two million people have given up work at some point to take on a caring role

1/3 of those juggling work & caring say they've felt lonely at work

400,000 people in the UK work full time and combine it with a caring role of more than 20hrs a week

An understanding employer alongside excellent work place support can benefit: -

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