



## The Nation Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems

### Transcript to a short video "Caregivers and The Collective" from NCAPPS Pandemic Wisdom series

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I'm hearing from a lot of disabled community members specifically that they're worried about how they're going to continue receiving their needed services right now, whether that's people coming over to help with attendant care responsibilities, eating, bathing, taking medication, cleaning, or basic support for decision making, or planning to go to the grocery store - and how this crisis has thrown into stark relief the tension between figuring out how to protect some folks that are most marginalized and vulnerable to severe and deadly infection, disabled people especially at the margins of the margins, and also protect and ensure fair working conditions for the people that are providing these types of services, many of whom are often disabled themselves, often low income, immigrants, and/or people of color. And for me, what it makes me think of is how we can all take taking care of each other to be a collective and shared responsibility, because it's only through taking on that as a collective responsibility that we can actually attend to people's individual needs, whether the needs of our care workers and our support workers and our aides and our attendants, or the needs of those who are receiving those services and that care. And I'm thinking specifically about minimizing exposure both for people who are at home and need care and for people who must travel between different clients' places of residence in order to provide that care. And I don't know that I have the answers to that. But I know that when we're thinking through how to care for individual people right now, that actually is impossible to do without approaching it collectively, as a shared responsibility.