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**PRESS RELEASE****El Concilio California Offers Free Job Training and Incentives  
for California Caregivers Through CalGroves**Courses delivered through the CalGroves program to  
caregivers for older adults and adults with disabilities.

(Stockton, CA) – El Concilio California is announcing the launch of its free caretaker training and development curriculum, Caregiver Development, offered through the CalGroves workforce training and development program. Registration is now open for courses available to caregivers working with older adults and people with disabilities, helping support Californians on a path to a career in health care.

“El Concilio California’s free caretaker training and development program will open doors for the communities we serve by providing them with access to quality education and support to help build upon their caretaking skills,” noted El Concilio California president and CEO José R. Rodriguez. “This program is a natural outgrowth of the agency’s continued commitment to providing the San Joaquin County community with development and educational opportunities like CalGroves that teach caregivers how to best serve older adults and adults with disabilities.”

CalGroves seeks to help build individual skill sets, job satisfaction, and growth opportunities, helping further careers and the retention of skilled, experienced caregivers for older adults and people with disabilities. Qualified applicants can also receive up to \$6,000 in financial incentives and career pathway development benefits. El Concilio California’s Caretaker Development program, which will be available in both English and Spanish, will provide education and training on topics from preventing depression and loneliness in older adults, to CPR and First Aid certification, to tools on how to transfer adults from one area to another, and care approaches that are culturally sensitive.

We are excited to share this program with the community,” continued Rodriguez. “El Concilio California prides itself in educating and uplifting people to create better futures for themselves and their families.”

Free training and personalized coaching is available for paid direct care workers, Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) caregivers, and unpaid family and friend caregivers through the CalGroves website [www.calgroves.org](http://www.calgroves.org).

El Concilio California is one of 76 organizations across California that received a grant through the CalGroves Innovation Fund earlier this year. Grants were awarded to diverse organizations with innovative ideas to offer training and incentives for the direct care HCBS workforce and unpaid family and friend caregivers.

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**About El Concilio California.** In continual operation for 55 years, El Concilio California is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit multi-service agency with the trusted mission to educate, uplift and advocate for California’s marginalized, minority, economically segregated, non-English speaking households, and communities of color by providing access to crucial services, programs, and resources to over 75,000 individuals and families annually for a whole-person approach to increased physical, psychological, and economic well-being, to help people create better futures for themselves and their families reach their full potential, become leaders to the community, and in turn empower others.