

Specific efforts may aid quality of life for schizophrenia caregivers

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(HealthDay)—Reducing affiliate stigma and strengthening the quality of



family-centered care may improve health-related quality of life for primary family caregivers of people with schizophrenia, according to a study published online Sept. 7 in the *Journal of Clinical Nursing*.

Chiu-Yueh Hsiao, Ph.D., R.N., from Asia University in Taiwan, and colleagues examined factors of health-related quality of <u>life</u> in 122 primary family caregivers of people with schizophrenia receiving inpatient psychiatric rehabilitation services.

The researchers found that the factors tied to poor health-related quality of life included primary family caregivers who were parents, older, less educated, and had a lower monthly household income, increased affiliate stigma, and decreased quality of family-centered care. The most critical determinants of health-related quality of life were monthly household income, affiliate stigma, and quality of family-centered care.

"Findings may assist in the development of culturally integrated rehabilitation programs to decrease affiliate stigma and increase family engagement as a means of promoting quality of life for primary <u>family</u> caregivers living with people who have schizophrenia," the authors write.

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