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wanted to share this information with you.

THE ACCELERATING CAREGIVER BURDEN

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Did you know?

- Family caregivers provide approximately 80% of home care services.
- A recent study calculated that American businesses lose between \$11 billion and \$29 billion each year due to employees' need to care for loved ones 50 years of age and older.
- Fifty-nine percent of the adult population is or expects to be a family caregiver.
- People over 85 years of age are the fastest growing segment of the population. Half of them need some help with personal care.
- Nearly one quarter (23.9%) of U.S. households is now involved in caring for an elderly family member or relative, spending an average of 20 hours per week or more on caregiving activities.
- A significant decline in the number of family caregivers is occurring in the U.S. while at the same time the demand for elder caregiving is increasing.
- The first wave of baby boomers is expected to hit age 65 in 2007. The numbers will accelerate at a rapid pace.

With 80% of middle age couples having at least one living parent, many people, most of them women, have to adjust to becoming caregivers for an aging parent. Many women frequently report that they must sacrifice their personal time, privacy and peace of mind to become a caregiver to an elderly parent. Their plans must be put on hold while they adjust to the reversing roles of child and parent brought on by the parent's advancing age.

It is estimated that up to seven million women are unpaid caregivers to the elderly. They struggle to cope with the exhaustion, loneliness, mental and physical demands, and heartbreak of watching a loved one grow weaker.

Remember

**“Those Who Plan Ahead Win.
Those Who Don’t Plan Ahead Lose.”**

This article is not intended as legal advice. It is basic information. I would recommend that you call Attorney Timothy P. Crawford for a free conference to discuss your situation in more detail. Attorney Timothy P. Crawford can be reached toll-free at 1-888-634-6675. When you call in, please mention the fact that you have read this article.

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