Family Caregiving is Under Pressure

June 23, 2000 – Family caregiving is under pressure. Budget cuts, shifting government priorities and a more conservative tenor in the public debate over health care has led to an increased pressure on family and friends who are responsible for meeting the needs of frail, ill or disabled adults. Those receiving care are also feeling the pinch.

Demographic, social, economic and policy trends combine to make family caregiving a major policy challenge for the 21st century. The first in a series of research reports from CPRN's Family Network focussing on "Canada's Ageing Society" addresses that challenge.

Family Caregiving and Consequences for Carers: Toward a Policy Research Agenda (CPRN Discussion Paper No. F|10) is written by Janet Fast and Norah Keating of the Department of Human Ecology at the University of Alberta. The paper provides an overview of the current environment affecting family caregiving, deals with definitional issues, identifies policy areas requiring attention, and outlines further research on which to base policies to support those who care for adult family members in need.

You can read the complete text of the discussion paper by clicking here.

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