

Dear Colleague or Friend,

We are writing to invite you to a breakfast and forum at MIT on January 31<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the release of our new publication, the “Family Caregiver Handbook: Finding Elder Care Resources in Massachusetts.” We hope this occasion will provide an opportunity for a wide range of people engaged in elder care to engage in a conversation about the unmet needs of family caregivers and offer ideas for responding to them. We have convened a panel of elder care experts who will offer their distinct perspectives on these issues, and we expect a rich discussion among invitees including employers, unions, community-based service providers, staff of the Aging Service Access Points (ASAPs), Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), and staff and volunteers from the Councils on Aging.

We hope that the Family Caregiver Handbook will prove useful to all involved in the elder care field. It is based on findings from our research on the needs of elder caregivers and is designed to provide basic information on elder care in a concise and user-friendly format. It brings together in one source information on how the elder care system is organized, and provides an orientation to critical topics such as financial planning, legal issues, home care, housing and transportation.

The event will be organized as follows:

8:00 – 8:30	Registration and continental breakfast
8:30 – 9:30	Panel discussion, “Who Is Caring for the Caregivers? A Forum on Expanding Supports for the Family Caregivers of Elders.”
9:30 – 10:15	Interactive table discussions among all attendees
10:15 – 10:30	Report back and wrap up

The event will be held at the MIT Faculty Club, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 50 Memorial Drive in Cambridge on Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup>. Directions and suggestions for parking can be found on our website: [web.mit.edu/workplacecenter](http://web.mit.edu/workplacecenter)

We hope you will be able to attend and **request that you RSVP no later than January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. You can email Tammy Buzzell at [tbuzzell@mit.edu](mailto:tbuzzell@mit.edu), or call 617 252-1702.

Sincerely,

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