



Family Caregiving In Taiwan

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Long-Term Care- A Family Affair

Frail Elders

- ❑ 80-90% live with family
- ❑ 75-80% are female carers
- ❑ Elderly male's carers

58% wife, 17.5% daughter in law, 14% son, 12 % daughter

- ❑ Elderly female's carers

47% daughter in law, 17.5% daughter



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People with Disabilities

- 92.96% live with family
- 7% live in institution
- Carers-78.91% are female
- Spouse 27.4%, parents 21.14
- Dual aging family

2006Physical and mental disabilities needs to investigate

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Female Caregivers

- 70-80% caregivers are females
- 50-67% received no assistance from other family members during weekdays and over the weekend
- 40% find balance between care and job
- 30-40% quit for care
- no job, no retire pension



Why caregivers can't get help from family

- Elderly population is over 10%
- The fertility rate is only 1.12
- People need long-term care more than 660,000
- Family structure from extended families into nuclear-style families
- Family need double-income



An Invisible Patient

- ❑ 600,000 family caregivers in Taiwan
- ❑ 13.55hrs on caregiving everyday
- ❑ Nearly 10 years on caregiving
- ❑ 80% suffer from limitations on social activities
- ❑ 70% had to take care of patients even when not well
- ❑ Guilty, depressed, nervous, injured, sleepless, hopeless

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Sharing the responsibility of family caregiving

- ❑ 2000-2002 Pilot Plan
- ❑ 2003-2007 Integration period
- ❑ 2007.10- Long-Term Care 10 years program (for elder only)
- ❑ Care manager center, Home care, Respite, Daycare center, Home-Nurse



*Elder Welfare Act

*People with Disabilities Rights
Protection Act

Amended at 2007

1. Temporary / respite and short-term care;
2. Caregivers counseling and support group,
3. Home-based care services;
4. Training and practicing for the caregivers;
5. Other related services to promote the capability of family caregivers and their life quality.



Other Support

- Family Leave /7days per year
- Special Care Allowance for Middle or Low-income Senior Citizens -5000NTD/month
- Caregiver Support Center
 - Counseling Service, Consulting Line, Support Group



Family Caregivers Day

Hold by TAFC

- Every 4th Sunday on November
- 2008 Topic

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- Conference- the Diversity of the Family Caregivers
- Fun Party- Massage, Health Check, Afternoon Tea...

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Our Claim

- The government should provide sufficient, affordable and well-qualified respite services.
- The government should share the care burden of family caregivers.
- The caring policy of the government should respond to the needs of family caregivers.
- The government should provide appropriate training and support to help family caregivers.
- The labor policy of the government should support and respond to the care giving responsibilities of the employees.

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