



### *Professional Caregiver Focal Point of Western Michigan*

Resources and Caregiver Tools to use in your everyday work with caregivers

**September 2015** – This month features information for both professional and family caregivers.



Have you ever wondered if you could get paid for being a family caregiver? If so, check out an informative article by Carol Levine of AARP available at: <http://www.aarp.org/home-family/caregiving/info-06-2012/can-i-get-paid-for-taking-care-of-my-mother.html>



## VA Caregiver Support

The VA values the commitment of family caregivers as a partner in their pledge to care for those who have "borne the battle," and offers several support and service options designed with family caregivers in mind. These programs are available both in and out of one's home and are designed to help in the care of both veteran and their family caregivers. Learn more about these valuable programs and services at: <http://www.caregiver.va.gov/>

## **10 THINGS TO DISCUSS WITH A NEW CAREGIVER**

Check out this helpful article by Kate Rauch of Caring.com on the ten things that every new caregiver should know at: <https://www.caring.com/articles/new-caregiver>

Please forward any interesting web address, resource, educational tool, book, event or conference information to Mike Faber ([mfaber@grcc.edu](mailto:mfaber@grcc.edu)) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.