



Professional Caregiver Focal Point of Western Michigan
Resources and Caregiver Tools to use in your everyday work with caregivers

October 2011 – This month's edition provides information and resources for family and professional Caregivers.



Care.com recently launched a comprehensive Senior Care Guide. This guide discusses the different types of care seniors may need as they age from combining care with independent living to being dependent on care towards end-of-life. Questions guide the caregiver throughout this document so that an assessment can be made regarding their loved one's needs. It is a wonderful guide for any caregiver or caregiving organization and is available as a PDF at: http://s.cdn-care.com/media/cms/pdf/Senior%20Care%20Guide_new.pdf

Additional educational guides and caregiver resources are available on their website at: <http://www.care.com/senior-care-senior-care-guide-index-p1017-q7531275.html>

Raising Expectations: A State Scorecard on Long-Term Services and Supports for Older Adults, People with Physical Disabilities, and Family Caregivers

a new report released jointly by AARP's Public Policy Institute, The Commonwealth Fund, and The SCAN Foundation found that certain states significantly outperform others in the delivery of long-term services and supports (LTSS) to older adults and people with disabilities. The report, [Raising Expectations: A State Scorecard on Long-Term Services and Supports for Older Adults, People with Physical Disabilities, and Family Caregivers](#), examines four key dimensions of state LTSS system performance: affordability and access; choice of setting and provider; quality of life and quality of care; and support for family caregivers. It assesses each state's performance overall as well as on 25 individual indicators, some of which were measured for the first time.

Find out how Michigan did by checking out the full report available at: www.longtermscorecard.org. This new site also provides a wide variety of additional State-specific resources available for free download.

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