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## What Will Keep Family Caregivers Caring? *Policy Alternatives for Minnesota*

Minnesotans have demonstrated remarkable support for their older family members, but Survey of Older Minnesotans results suggest that this support is waning. As recent as 1988, the percentage of long term care support provided by informal sources was 97 percent, as compared to 92 percent in 2005. Given this downward trend, the commitment of Minnesota family caregivers cannot be assumed as a constant as we move forward. However, the fiscal realities and constraints of providing publicly funded care for a growing number of older Minnesotans makes the role of family caregivers essential to sustaining their quality of life. In fact, family caregiving may be among the most important factors in affording the cost of long term care in the future, but only if the needs of the caregivers are recognized and sufficiently met.

In brief, this webinar will:

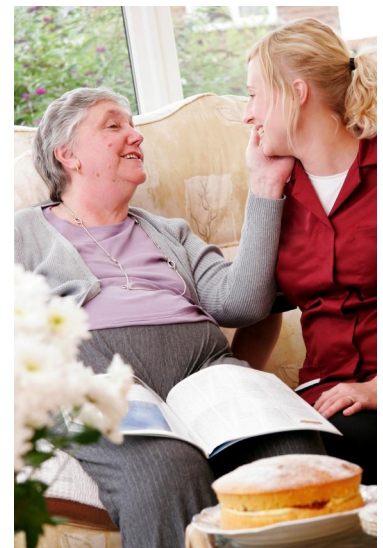
- Describe why support for family caregivers is a critical policy issue facing Minnesota
- Introduce participants to a broad array of policy options for supporting family caregivers
- Provide deeper analysis of three key policy options
- Describe the state's efforts to implement and promote services supported by research evidence

### Speaker Bio

Peter Spuit is a Project Consultant with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA). His primary focus is Transform 2010, a project of both agencies working across sectors to transform policies, infrastructures and services so that Minnesota can thrive during the coming age wave. During his tenure with DHS and MBA, he has pursued policy strategies related to family caregiving, older adult income security, and aging in place in community.



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