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What If Caregivers Need Care?

Caregivers are aging, funding cuts continue, and the agencies that administer the public entitlement system are becoming more rigid in their oversight and enforcement. These all combine to raise the bar for those who currently provide care and oversight of family members with disabilities, as well as those who will eventually step in when current family caregivers can no longer do so.

Consider these demographics:

- ▶ The number of people over age 65 will double over the next 30 years (U.S. Census Bureau, 2002). Many of these individuals are parents and other caregivers for individuals with disabilities, and some of them will require family care themselves.
- ▶ Even as the need grows, the pool of family caregivers is dwindling. In 1990 there were 10 potential caregivers for each person needing care. In 2050 the ratio will be 4:1.
- ▶ Nearly 27% of the adult population has provided care for a chronically ill, disabled or aged family member or friend in the past year.
- ▶ In 2002, approximately 2.79 million of the 4.56 million individuals with developmental disabilities in the United States were receiving residential care from family caregivers, and an estimated 25% of these caregivers were over age 60.
- ▶ Between the 1970s and the mid-1990s, the mean life expectancy for individuals with developmental disabilities increased from 59 to 66 years. It is anticipated that people with developmental disabilities, particularly those with less severe impairments, will soon have a lifespan equal to that of the general population.
- ▶ In 2000, an estimated 641,000 adults age 60 and older had been diagnosed with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities; this number will double by 2030.

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