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CWAG to Hold Family Care Consumer Corp Training in Eau Claire

(ALTOONA, WI) – Applications are currently being accepted to attend the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups' Family Care Consumer Corp Training on Tuesday, February 6th at the Sleep Inn and Suites Conference Center, which is located at the intersection State Road 29 and County Highway T, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG), under a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services will provide this free training from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The training will focus on options for long-term care for older people and people with disabilities through the implementation of the Family Care Program within the nine-county West Central Wisconsin - Care Management Collaborative. Lunch and training materials will also be provided at no cost.

Family Care is a comprehensive and flexible long-term care service system, which strives to foster people's independence and quality of life, while recognizing the need for interdependence and support. Currently being piloted in nine Wisconsin counties, Governor Doyle has made a commitment for Family Care to be implemented statewide in five years.

CWAG's Family Care Consumer Corp Training will educate attendees on issues involved in implementing Wisconsin's Family Care long-term care delivery system and help mobilize them to provide input into the implementation process. In addition to raising awareness of critical issues, this training session will work toward the creation of an on-going means of educating and motivating older people and people with disabilities to provide consumer input into the new Family Care system.

“Overwhelmingly, older people have told us that health and long-term care issues top the list of their concerns,” said Tom Frazier, CWAG Executive Director. “As a result, CWAG has strongly supported this expansion and we feel it is critical that older people and people with disabilities be educated and able to participate in the process of structuring Family Care locally.”

A second day of training will be scheduled at a later date. The training can only accommodate a limited number of people. Therefore you will be notified and sent further information when the training group has been identified. If you are interested in applying to attend CWAG's Family Care Consumer Corp Training or need special accommodations, please contact Paula Gibson, CWAG's Community Organizer at (715) 836-2287 or (800) 366-2900, ext. 326 for an application. **Applications are due by February 3, 2007.**

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The Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups is a statewide federation of more than 600 member organizations that represent and serve Wisconsin's older citizens. A non-profit, non-partisan group, CWAG provides information on matters of concern to the elderly and represents the older citizens of Wisconsin on major civic and political issues. An estimated 125,000 individuals belong to CWAG member groups located throughout Wisconsin. Additional information on CWAG can be obtained by calling 1-800-366-2990 or by going online to www.cwag.org.