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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren Focus Groups**

WAUKESHA, Wis. – The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Waukesha County will hold focus group/listening sessions for grandparents parenting grandchildren. Janice Wilberg, of Wilberg Community Planning, LLC, will facilitate this group.

The role many grandparents have as caregivers to their grandchildren has become more recognized over the last several years. Coordination of available services with support groups will help grandparents deal with the issues of caregiving. Based on 2000 Census data, there are 842 grandparents responsible for the care of grandchildren living in Waukesha County. The Family Resource Coalition Report identified information/educational needs, supportive needs (including respite, counseling, and support groups), financial and legal needs and public policy needs as areas in which to focus assistance.

**FOCUS GROUP**

If you are a grandparent/relative (55 years of age or older) raising dependent children, you are invited to a Focus Group (Listening Session) sponsored by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County.

We want to know about your challenges, worries, struggles and celebrations as you parent your grandchildren. Your input is valuable to help design education and support programs for grandparents/relatives as they raise children in their care.

**Session 1: Thursday, May 14, 2009**  
**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Brookfield Community Center**  
**2000 North Calhoun Rd, Brookfield**

**Session 2: Friday, May 15, 2009**  
**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Rotary Building**  
**1150 Baxter Street, Waukesha**

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