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### ***About the MIT Workplace Center***

The MIT Workplace Center was founded in 2001 and is funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to address the current mismatch between existing workplace policies and practices and the changing work force. The Center's goal is to stimulate change both on the level of private sector workplaces, community-based family care agencies and public policy. The Center has two recent publications on elder care: "***The Family Caregiver Handbook: Finding Eldercare Resources in Massachusetts***" ([www.familycaregiverhandbook.org](http://www.familycaregiverhandbook.org)) and "***Family Caregivers: A Shadow Workforce in the Healthcare Industry?***" by Ann Bookman and Mona Harrington, in the Fall 2007 issue of the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* (Vol.32, No.6) published by Duke University Press. The Center is part of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's MIT Sloan School of Management. For more information, see the website:

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