

## BALANCING Caregiving and Quality Time

WORKSHEET

The five topics below are intended as a starting point for further discussion. Answer the questions to determine whether you, your family, and your loved one could benefit from a higher level of care.

## **1.** A healthy caregiving situation doesn't include just one family member taking care of a loved one.

How many people are on your loved one's caregiving team, and what is each person's role in providing care?

**2.** The whole caregiving team is important.

Are your loved one's needs taking priority over the needs of other family members on the caregiving team?

## **3.** When the family or the person receiving care is struggling, something has to change.

What would you like to change about the current situation?

## 4. Being a good caregiver doesn't mean devoting all of your time to providing care.

How much of your time do you dedicate to caregiving, and how much quality (non-caregiving) time are you able to spend with your loved one?

Daily: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Weekly:

**5.** Caregiving impacts many areas of your life, including your health, homelife, work, and other relationships.

How is your current caregiving role impacting your life?

A member of the Ann's Choice team will follow up with you in a few days. For immediate assistance, call **215-443-4955 and press 1**.



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