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Input Sought from South Florida Seniors: How should funds be spent?

Margate, FL January 13, 2006 – The Florida Department of Elder Affairs is preparing the *Master Plan on Aging, 2006-2008*, a policy document that guides the actions and procedures for the provision of services to older citizens throughout the State of Florida. According to Chapter 430, F.S., “the plan must include policy goals and program strategies designed to respond efficiently to current and projected needs.” Three public meetings are being held throughout the state to offer citizens the opportunity to provide input on the plan. The only meeting schedule for the South Florida area will be held at the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center in Margate.

Wednesday, January 18, 2006
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Northwest Focal Point Senior Center
6009 NW 10th Street
Margate, FL 33063

“If you care and have an opinion on how resources should be used for seniors in the next two years, this is your chance to speak.” said Yolanda Rodriguez, Project Director of the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center. It is a first come, first serve event and the public is invited. Those wishing to attend the public hearing are encouraged to RSVP by calling 954-973-0300. She added, “Since we are the only South Florida location, it is really a tri-county event.”

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs says the *Master Plan* will focus on several topic issues, including Formal Long-Term Care, Informal Long-Term Care, Housing, Transportation, Employment/Volunteerism, Health/Wellness, Disaster Preparedness, and Elder Rights. They also suggest that if you would like to provide comments on any of these issues, written testimony can be submitted to the department by mail to:

Master Plan on Aging
4040 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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