



## News and Info

Monday, November 14, 2011

### **In This Issue:**

- [National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, November 2011](#)
- [AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2012](#)
- [Webinar on Alzheimer's Information & Options With In Home Care](#)
- [Health Care Interactive Conference Calls on ACA](#)
- [Webinar on Creating Sustainable Funding for Your Nonprofit](#)
- [Save The Date - WISER Retirement Security Symposium](#)
- [Webinar Reminders](#)
- [Eldercare Locator Widgets Now Available](#)
- [Grant Award for One Call-One Click ADRC Transportation Center](#)
- [Medicare Expands Coverage of Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Services](#)
- [Women's Health USA 2011 Is Now Available](#)
- [New Website on Safe Disposal of Needles](#)
- [November Observances](#)
- [November Conferences](#)

[Share this on Facebook](#)

[Tweet this to a friend](#)

[Email this to a friend](#)

### **National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, November 2011**

The Administration on Aging (AoA) is pleased to join the President in recognizing November as Native American Heritage Month. What started in the early 1900s in the State of New York as a day to recognize the first Americans has become a month-long National recognition of these individuals and their significant contributions to the growth of the United States.

We here at the AoA are committed to working with Native American elders and their caregivers. We recognize the need and desire of elders to remain in their homes and communities close to their family, friends, traditions and culture

even if their health or mobility isn't what it used to be. It is through the hard work of our AoA Title VI Directors who administer our Tribal Senior Programs that elders and their caregivers are supported to enable elders to remain independent, at home and in the community. In recognition of our Title VI Program Directors we honored eight exemplary programs this year at our National Title VI Training and Technical Assistance Forum and Listening Session in Washington, DC as it is these Directors who work first hand with their elders, families and friends.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has also shown its commitment to the health and independence of American Indians and Alaska Natives through the HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities. The goal of the HHS Action Plan is to reduce health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities. It does so by building on the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), investing in prevention and wellness, supporting primary care, and creating links between health and human services to provide better care for our first Americans. The ACA specifically benefits our first Americans by providing affordable health care options and expanding health care coverage as well as permanently authorizing the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, allowing IHS additional opportunities in long term care.

HHS has further shown its commitment to improving access to health care in Indian Country through the development of the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Council which is comprised of Tribal Leadership and Federal Representatives, and the work of the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee for Native American Affairs both of which are committed to improving access to HHS grants and improving State and Tribal relationships. AoA is supporting these goals by working with States and Tribal Governments on improving Title III and Title VI coordination at the State level.

We proudly join the nation in recognizing our Native American elders, their caregivers and those who work with them by celebrating Native American Heritage Month. To read the President's proclamation, please visit:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/11/01/presidential-proclamation-national-native-american-heritage-month-2011>

## **Funding Opportunities**

---

### **AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2012**

The 2009 Serve America Act expands volunteer opportunities for older adults by targeting 10 percent of AmeriCorps funds for organizations that enroll adults aged 55 and older. It also created a new option allowing older AmeriCorps members to transfer their education award to children and

grandchildren at the end of their service. This benefit is an important incentive for recruiting and expanding the number of older adults serving in AmeriCorps programs.

AmeriCorps, Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will award grants for FY 2012. These grants will help organizations implement programs that utilize AmeriCorps members to engage in evidence-based interventions to strengthen communities. Of CNCS's six strategic areas, two should be of particular interest to the Aging Network: Healthy Futures and Veterans and Military Families.

AmeriCorps State and National Program will host a series of briefing telephone calls to provide information and guidance to assist potential applicants. The calls will cover the following topics:

Key Terminology and Resources for AmeriCorps  
AmeriCorps Planning Grants  
AmeriCorps Grants 101  
Next Steps to Applying for an AmeriCorps Grant  
AmeriCorps Program Budgets

You can register to participate, find a description of each call type and the dates and times by clicking on:

[http://www.americorps.gov/pdf/12\\_1003\\_applicant\\_call\\_schedule\\_fy\\_2012.pdf](http://www.americorps.gov/pdf/12_1003_applicant_call_schedule_fy_2012.pdf)

The 2012 AmeriCorps Notice of Funding Opportunities may be found at: [http://www.americorps.gov/for\\_organizations/funding/nofa\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_nofa\\_id=93](http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=93). Click on the appropriate grant opportunity to review all of the application materials.

If you have any questions on how to apply for an AmeriCorps grant, or would like to speak with a program officer to discuss your ideas for using AmeriCorps members to meet needs in your community, please call 202-606-7508 or email [americorpsgrants@cns.gov](mailto:americorpsgrants@cns.gov). Updates are available via twitter @GROW AmeriCorps (Grant Resources and Opportunities with AmeriCorps).

Public or private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and other community organizations, institutions of higher education, government entities within states or territories (e.g., cities, counties), Indian Tribes, labor organizations, partnerships and consortia, and intermediaries planning to subgrant funds awarded are encouraged to apply.

Applications are **due January 18, 2012** at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Successful applicants will be notified by May 31, 2012.

## Stay Informed

---

### **Webinar on Alzheimer's Information & Options With In Home Care**

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m. ET

Host: Private Duty Homecare Association and the Alzheimer's Association

To register, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/627588866>

Attendees will learn:

- Warning signs of someone possibly suffering from Alzheimer's disease
- How to approach caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's disease
- Looking for signs of caregiver stress
- Respite care options with in-home care
- Caregiving resources

### **Health Care Interactive Conference Calls on ACA**

Host:

Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships for Faith and Community Leaders

Topic: *Tour of Healthcare.gov*

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Time: 12:30 p.m. ET

To register, go to

[https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USHHS/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=USHHS\\_260](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USHHS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USHHS_260)

Topic: *ACA 101*

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m. ET

To register, go to

[https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USHHS/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=USHHS\\_264](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USHHS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USHHS_264)

Dial-in information and Power Point Slides will be sent to those who RSVP.

Please send any questions you may have prior to the calls [ACA101@hhs.gov](mailto:ACA101@hhs.gov)

## **Webinar on *Creating Sustainable Funding for Your Nonprofit***

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2011

Time: 3:00 p.m. ET - 4:00 p.m. ET

Host: NCOA and Benevon®

To register, go to <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/showReg?udc=6qad8jj42cqa>

This fast-paced webinar will introduce you to a systematic model for building sustainable funding for your nonprofit.

To learn more about this webinar, go to <http://www.ncoa.org/calendar-of-events/creating-sustainable-funding.html>

## **Save The Date – WISER Retirement Security Symposium**

Sponsor:

WISER (The Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement)

Title:

*A Lifetime Financial Journey: Helping Women Achieve Retirement Security*

Dates:

12:00 noon–5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2011

9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Location:

Capitol View Conference Center, 101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Target Audience:

Invited participants include experts from women's and aging organizations, the financial and retirement communities, policy organizations, and government agencies.

More details and a complete agenda will follow soon.

To RSVP, email your contact information to [Lhinz@wiserwomen.org](mailto:Lhinz@wiserwomen.org)

For question, call (202) 393-5452.

## **Webinar Reminders**

*Successful Collaboration Between Aging and Transit: The Experience of Kent County, Michigan*

Date: Tuesday November 15, 2011  
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EST

To learn more and to register, go to [https://aoa-events.webex.com/mw03061/mywebex/default.do;jsessionid=nSPTT7ycn1DMtLr7WvTSq5knnQL6X4vGCfb5NPJVmrZh2QlqPjyP!-907612536?nomenu=true&siteurl=aoa-events&service=6&main\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Faoa-events.webex.com%2Fec06051%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26confViewID%3D280008159%26siteurl%3Daoa-events%26%26%26](https://aoa-events.webex.com/mw03061/mywebex/default.do;jsessionid=nSPTT7ycn1DMtLr7WvTSq5knnQL6X4vGCfb5NPJVmrZh2QlqPjyP!-907612536?nomenu=true&siteurl=aoa-events&service=6&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Faoa-events.webex.com%2Fec06051%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26confViewID%3D280008159%26siteurl%3Daoa-events%26%26%26)

*Webinar on Patient/Doctor Communication*

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2011  
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

To learn more and to register, go to <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/353654286>

## **Tools & Information**

---

### **Eldercare Locator Widgets Now Available**

The Administration on Aging (AoA) is pleased to offer Eldercare Locator widgets. These widgets allow our partners in the aging network and others to offer visitors to their websites, social networks or blogs easy access to a national database that connects older adults and their families to community resources. To download this widget, visit [http://www.eldercare.gov/ELDERCARE.NET/Public/About/Media\\_Center/Index.aspx#widget](http://www.eldercare.gov/ELDERCARE.NET/Public/About/Media_Center/Index.aspx#widget)

Widgets are online applications built by one website that can be displayed on another website.

### **Grant Award for One Call-One Click ADRC Transportation Center**

On Wednesday, November 9th, the Federal Transit Administration announced \$34.6 million would be awarded to 55 communities for "one-click, one-call" transportation resource centers. This is an innovative, federally coordinated partnership that will make it easier for US veterans, active service members,

military families, and others to learn about and arrange for locally available transportation services that connect them with work, education, health care, and other vital services in their communities.

The ADRC of Eau Claire County, WI was awarded \$292,812 to upgrade and expand their current transportation program to a one-call/one-click Transportation Resource Center, along with the development of Multi-Regional Driver Training facilities. Funds will be used to create two call centers in Western Wisconsin, integrated with the ADRC, with particular focus on the mobility needs of veterans in the area. The implementation of this project will improve connectivity throughout the area. To view a list of all grantees, go to [http://fta.dot.gov/documents/VTCLI\\_FORMATTED\\_PROJECT\\_DESCRIPTIONS.pdf](http://fta.dot.gov/documents/VTCLI_FORMATTED_PROJECT_DESCRIPTIONS.pdf)

To learn more about the ADRC of Eau Claire County, WI, go to [http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/Aging\\_and\\_DisabilityResourceCenter/index.htm](http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/Aging_and_DisabilityResourceCenter/index.htm)

The One Call-One Click Transportation Services Toolkit provides information and guidance for communities who are at the beginning stages of creating a coordinated one call-one click transportation center. To learn more, go to <http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/anmviewer.asp?a=2428&z=101>

### **Medicare Expands Coverage of Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Services**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced that Medicare is adding coverage for a number of preventive services to reduce cardiovascular disease. This new coverage policy will add to the existing portfolio of free preventive services that are now available for people with Medicare through the Affordable Care Act. Under this coverage decision, CMS will cover one face-to-face visit each year to allow patients and their care providers to determine the best way to help prevent cardiovascular disease.

To read the entire press release pertaining to this decision, go to <http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=4162&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&sr>

### **Women's Health USA 2011 Is Now Available**

The tenth edition of *Women's Health USA*, published by the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is now available in print and online. Print copies can be ordered through the HRSA Information Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-HRSA or online at <http://www.ask.hrsa.gov>. You can download the report at <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/whusa11/>

*Women's Health USA* reports on the health status, health behaviors and use of health care by U.S. women. The 2011 edition highlights several new topics, including secondhand tobacco smoke exposure, Alzheimer's disease, preconception health, unintended pregnancy, oral health care utilization, and barriers to health care. For the first time, the special population section of the report features data on the health of lesbian and bisexual women, as well as Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander women. Data on American Indian and Alaska Native women are also featured.

### **New Website on Safe Disposal of Needles**

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently launched a new website for patients and caregivers on the safe disposal of needles and other so-called "sharps" that are used at home, at work and while traveling. The website will help people understand the public health risks created by improperly disposing of used sharps and how users should safely dispose of them.

To read the entire press release pertaining to this decision, go to <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm278851.htm>

## **Observances**

---

### **November Observances**

#### ***National Diabetes Month, 2011***

To read President Obama's proclamation on National Diabetes Month, 2011, go to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/11/01/presidential-proclamation-national-diabetes-month-2011>

For more information, including guidance on taking the pledge to stop diabetes, please visit the American Diabetes Association website at <http://www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/programs/american-diabetes-month/>

#### ***National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, 2011***

To read President Obama's proclamation on National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, 2011, go to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/11/01/presidential-proclamation-national-alzheimers-disease-awareness-month-20>

For more information, please visit the Alzheimer's Association® website at [http://www.alz.org/nca/in\\_my\\_community\\_20898.asp](http://www.alz.org/nca/in_my_community_20898.asp)

### ***National Family Caregivers Month, 2011***

To read President Obama's proclamation on National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, 2011, go to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/11/01/presidential-proclamation-national-family-caregivers-month-2011>

For more information, please visit the National Family Caregivers Association website at <http://www.nfcacares.org/>

### ***National Hospice /Palliative Month***

For more information, please visit the National Hospice and Palliative Organization website at <http://www.nhpco.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=5754>

## **Conferences**

---

### **November Conferences**

The listing below reflects submissions for posting to the AoA Calendar of Events.

#### **Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>: 64<sup>th</sup> GSA Annual Scientific Meeting: Lifestyle Leads to Lifespan**

Sponsor: Gerontological Society of America

Website: <http://www.geron.org/annual-meeting>

Stay up to date with the latest aging meetings and conferences by visiting the AoA events calendar at:

[http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press\\_Room/events/events\\_List\\_Day.aspx#title](http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press_Room/events/events_List_Day.aspx#title)

Please direct submissions to the AoA Calendar of Events to Paulette Nowden at [Paulette.Nowden@aoa.hhs.gov](mailto:Paulette.Nowden@aoa.hhs.gov)

AoA News and Info is an electronic newsletter distributed by the AoA Office of Outreach and Consumer Information. Its contents are for informational purposes. For information on AoA, please visit our website at <http://www.aoa.gov> You can also contact us at 202-619-0724 (phone); 202-357-3555 (fax) or by Email at [aoainfo@aoa.gov](mailto:aoainfo@aoa.gov).

Use of trade names and commercial sources is for identification only and does not imply endorsement by AoA. References to non-AoA sites on the Internet are provided as a service to AoA News and Info readers and do not constitute or imply endorsement of these organizations or their programs by AoA or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. AoA is not responsible for the content of pages found at these sites. URL addresses listed in AoA News and Info were current as of the date of publication.