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Celebrate Older Americans Month 2012

The US Administration on Aging (AoA) invites you to join in the national celebration of Older Americans Month. The theme for Older Americans Month 2012, *Never Too Old to Play*, encourages older Americans to stay engaged, active and involved in their own lives and in their communities. Consider hosting a Day of Play with a team trivia night, Wii bowling tournament or other fun activity. You can promote Older Americans Month using traditional tools like posters and newsletters as well as on your social media networks.

Visit <http://www.OlderAmericansMonth.org> where you can access useful resources and tools to help you plan and promote events and activities honoring older Americans. You can also use the site to announce your activity or share great stories, photos and videos about your event with the Nation.

Funding Opportunity

Funding Opportunity Reminders

M·A·C· AIDS Fund Food and Nutrition Funding Opportunity

The [M·A·C AIDS Fund](#) United States Community Grants Program supports organizations working to address the link between poverty and AIDS through grants for programs that provide food and nutrition or housing services to people living with HIV and AIDS.

The Fund has released the guidelines and application for the food and nutrition component of the program. (The housing services application will be available July 13, 2012. Eligible organizations may apply for only one of the two grant opportunities each year.)

To be eligible, organizations must have 501(c) (3) status; operate an HIV/AIDS food and nutrition program five days or more per week and supply 50 percent or more of a person's daily nutritional requirements in the form of prepared meals, congregate meals or pantry bags; and have been in operation for a minimum of three years. Organizations also must have a non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation and specifically protects LGBTQ clients.

Grants range up to a maximum of \$25,000. Grant requests should not exceed 20 percent of the total HIV/AIDS food or nutrition program budget. Funding categories include food purchases, capacity building, organization sustainability, and collaborations between organizations.

The application deadline is May 4, 2012.

Visit the M·A·C AIDS Fund website for complete program guidelines and to access the eligibility questionnaire and online application.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=375300033

Contact:

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

***Department of Labor Senior Community Service Employment Program
National Grants for Program Year (PY) 2012***

The Department of Labor Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) grant funds are awarded to states and territories, and to competitively-chosen national grantees. SCSEP is a Federally-sponsored employment and training program targeted specifically to low-income older individuals who want to enter or re-enter the workforce. Program participants receive work experience at local public or non-profit agencies and are paid the higher of the Federal, State or local minimum wage, or the prevailing wage for similar employment, for approximately 20 hours per week while in community service and other job training. The dual goals of the program are to promote useful opportunities in community service job training and to move SCSEP participants into unsubsidized employment, where appropriate.

The application deadline is May 10, 2012.

[Click here](#) for more info on this funding opportunity

Applicants must apply for this grant through Grants.gov at

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=9ydhPgkZRk2yj2LplkpQh0BIMN154c2Sq4RGRXn91XCYJhbtlXkj!712472910?oppId=150653&mode=VIEW>

***New Initiative to Reduce Costly and Avoidable Hospitalizations
Announcement of Request for Applications***

In March 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a request for applications to participate in the Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations among Nursing Facility Residents. This new effort aims to improve the quality of care for people residing in nursing facilities.

Organizations interested in applying to participate in this initiative must submit a proposal by June 14, 2012.

The Request for Applications is available by searching for CFDA Number 93.621 at <http://www.grants.gov>

Fed Challenges Web Developers

Federal officials are challenging developers to design Web-based applications that use Twitter to track health trends in real time. Health officials may be able to use knowledge of these trends as an early indicator of emerging health issues and a warning of public health emergencies in a community.

The online challenge runs through June 1, 2012.

To learn more and to register to participate in the Now Trending - #Health in My Community Developer Challenge, visit <http://challenge.gov/HHS/334-now-trending-health-in-my-community>. Upon submission participants must warrant that they are the sole authors and owners of the final product.

National Service Agency Announces RSVP Funding Opportunities

On March 19th, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) announced the availability of federal funding for the agency's RSVP program, part of Senior Corps.

The deadline for applications is May 15, 2012, 5:00 p.m. EDT. All applications must be submitted via egrants, CNCS's grants system at <https://egrants.cns.gov/espan/main/login.jsp>. CNCS will host six technical assistance calls and/or workshops to answer questions about this funding opportunity, including how to submit an application. Calls for new grant applicants are taking place on March 26, at 2:00 pm Eastern; April 9, at 1:00 pm Eastern; or April 11, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Calls for existing RSVP grantees interested in augmentation grants will take place on March 27, at 2:00 Eastern; April 10, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern; and April 12, 2:00 p.m. Eastern.

Stay Informed

Webinar on Depression, Anxiety and Suicide Prevention

Mental health problems affect one in five older adults. Depression and anxiety have been linked with worse physical health, higher health care costs and lower quality of life in older adults. However, mental health disorders are treatable.

The purpose of this webinar is to: (1) enhance the attendees' understanding of substance abuse and mental health issues affecting older adults and (2) gain knowledge about evidence-based programs targeting older adults at risk for substance abuse and mental health problems and EBP implementation strategies.

This webinar will describe the prevalence and impact of depression, anxiety and suicide in older adults, and will identify screening strategies and evidence-based treatments. Actions that state and local agencies can use to implement effective treatments will be highlighted, with a specific focus on the strategy that one Area Agency on Aging has used to implement Healthy IDEAS and PEARLS.

Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Time: 2:30 p.m. -4:00 p.m. EST

To register, [go here](#).

Free AARP Financial Webinars in April

Topic: *Learn How to Live on Less in Retirement with the Ultimate Cheapskate!*

Date: Tuesday, April 17

Time: 7:00 pm, ET

Join AARP Financial Security and "the Ultimate Cheapskate" Jeff Yeager as they offer money-saving tips to use in preparation for and during retirement.

Topic: *5 Tips to Help You Avoid Investment Fraud and Protect Your Finances.*

Date: Tuesday, April 24

Time: 2:00 pm, ET

Join experts from AARP and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation for a conversation on how to avoid investment fraud and answer viewer questions

Register today at <http://www.aarp.org/moneywebinars> for either webinar.

Past webinars are also listed on the site.

New Webinar Series: “Volunteers: A Theory of Organizational Abundance”

The National Center for Engaging Volunteers in the Aging Network, funded in part by Administration on Aging (AoA), is hosting a series of webinars targeted to leaders in the aging services network. “Volunteers: A Theory of Organizational Abundance”, is a free series that will address how to sustain and even expand capacity in a time of economic scarcity by engaging the time, talents and experience of skilled volunteers.

Offered over three sessions, each 45-minute webinar will feature:

New, researched-based knowledge about leveraging volunteer engagement for organizational interests;

Expert guidance from leaders in the civic engagement field;
Opportunities to dialogue, share stories and problem solve with other participants; and
“Top Ten Take A Ways” to immediately apply in your volunteer program.

All Webinars are at 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST. Registration instructions are included in the links.

Dates:

Monday, April 9, program managers:

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/997214623>

Wednesday April 25, organization leaders:

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/316416919>

Wednesday May 2, program managers:

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/382616159>

Wednesday May 9, organization leaders:

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/843525983>

Wednesday May 16, program managers:

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/931005847>

Reminder: The deadline for the “What’s Working” grant applications are April 20. Click here for more information

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Common/LogOn.aspx?urlkey=n4a2>

Webinar Reminders

Abuse in Later Life: Responses, Resources, Collaborations

This webinar will provide an introduction for aging advocates to the universe of domestic violence and sexual assault services and resources available for older victims, including screening, safety planning, legal and social service responses, and community collaborations.

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT

Reserve your Webinar seat now at

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/672186912>

Health Care Conference Calls

The HHS Partnership Center continues to host a series of interactive conference calls discussing the benefits and provisions of the health care reform law, the Affordable Care Act.

To participate in one of the remaining April conference calls, please select your preferred date from the list below and submit the necessary information. Call-in information and Power Point slides will be made available 24 hours in advance.

[April 17 at 2:00 pm ET](#) - Tour of <http://www.HealthCare.gov>

[April 24 at 2:00 pm ET](#) - Health Care 101 (in Spanish)

Tools & Information

National Resource Center on LGBT Aging

The Administration on Aging (AoA) funds a number of resource centers designed to provide information to consumers and technical assistance to professionals on a variety of topics.

The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging is the country's first and only technical assistance resource center aimed at improving the quality of services and supports offered to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) older adults. Established in 2010 through a federal grant from AoA, the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging provides training, technical assistance and educational resources to aging services providers, LGBT organizations and LGBT older adults. The center is led by Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE) in partnership with 10 leading organizations from around the country.

Our goal for this resource center is for older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals to feel welcome and supported in their communities, urban and rural, by both mainstream and LGBT organizations and to have access to culturally appropriate supports and services to assist them in their efforts to live as independently as possible in the setting of their choice. Information about the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging can be found on their website – <http://www.lgbtagingcenter.org>

If you would like to know more about the Resource Centers that AoA funds, you can find information at:

http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Resource_Centers/Index.aspx. AoA will be featuring the other resource centers in future newsletters.

National Retirement Planning Week 2012

National Retirement Planning Week 2012 is from April 9 through 13. This year the theme is “Retire on Your Own Terms.” During this important week, the Administration on Aging (AoA) is exercising its advocacy role by joining other Federal agencies and the financial literacy community to remind all Americans about the importance of preparing for retirement.

To promote the principles expressed in the theme, “Retire on Your Own Terms,” AoA is encouraging the Aging Network to promote activities that can assist people to acquire financial literacy and sound retirement planning skills. Comprehensive retirement plans that are properly developed and managed can help older Americans to achieve the comfortable, secure retirements they deserve.

For more information on National Retirement Planning Week 2012, go to: <http://www.retireonyourownterms.org/>

You can also get additional information on retirement planning at the Administration on Aging-sponsored National Education and Resource Center on Women and Retirement Planning website at <http://www.wiserwomen.org>

Senior Corps Week – May 7-11

Senior Corps Week will take place during Older Americans Month. Help celebrate, recognize and highlight the extraordinary contributions that [Foster Grandparents](#), [RSVP](#) and [Senior Companions](#) volunteers make through service in their communities each and every day.

Find creative ways to shine a spotlight on Senior Corps Week. Senior Corps Week materials, including webinars, press kit materials, posters, outreach guides, are available at http://www.getinvolved.gov/grantees/sc_week/index.asp

AARP Social Security Benefits Calculator Widget

The AARP Social Security Benefits Calculator widget is designed to be placed on organizations’ websites to allow users to quickly see an estimate of their Social Security benefits. The widget also provides an opportunity to further explore benefits and retirement via the more robust tool residing on AARP's website. Access the installation guide here: <http://www.aarpfs.org>

Recent Reports

Income of the Population 55 or Older, 2010

http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/income_pop55/index.html

Date: March 2012

Source: Social Security Administration

The 2012 Retirement Confidence Survey
<http://www.ebri.org/surveys/rcs/2012/>

Date: March 2012

Source: Employee Benefit Research Institute

Best Practices in Workplace Eldercare

<http://www.caregiving.org/pdf/research/BestPracticesEldercareFINAL.pdf>

Date: March 2012

Source: The National Alliance for Caregiving

Information Reminders

National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging 's Perspectives Challenge

We are standing at the precipice of a new era, shaped by the changing needs of our nation's aging population. By 2045, for the first time in human history, there will be more seniors than children in the world. Even as our current population strains our capacity to provide services and supports for older adults, we know that far greater challenges lie ahead. The new issues we face cut across industries, sectors and geographic boundaries – and so, too, must the solutions!

We want to hear from you. We're interested in learning about your solutions to the big and small challenges of America's aging population. Send us your promising ideas for addressing the challenges of today, tomorrow and our future. We invite you to think BIG and differently. And to share your *Perspective* – because it matters and can make a difference.

Participate in the National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging's *Perspectives Challenge* and you could be selected to share your *Perspective* – either in person or virtually – at the *Perspectives on Nutrition and Aging: A National Summit*, on August 23, 2012, near Washington, DC.

Visit the [Summit website](#) to learn more and register for the National Summit on Nutrition and Aging.

Submit Your Creative Expressions

Creative artists of all ages and levels of experience are invited to submit creative expressions that transform parking lots and other paved areas into healthy, sustainable environments. Winning submissions will be available for

viewing at the *Healthy Environments across Generations Conference* to be held June 7-8, 2012, at the New York Academy of Medicine.

Submissions and questions should be sent to info@healthandenvironment.org

Deadline for submission: May 15, 2012

After the conference, the compositions will be posted to the conference website, <http://www.healthandenvironment.org>

Rachel Carson Sense of Wonder Contest

Share your love for water through a creative project that captures water around us. Capture what you hear, see, feel, and taste as you explore and study water. Contestants will work across generations to share their own interactions with and reflections about the sense of water.

The deadline for entries is June 1, 2012.

For further information, please go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>

Observances

April Observances

National Minority Health Month

This year's theme, *Health Equity Can't Wait. Act Now in Your CommUNITY!*, is a call to action and unity for all government agencies, organizations and individuals involved and invested in reducing health disparities.

To register a Minority Health Month event or to find activities taking place in your community, go to the Department of Health and Human Services National Minority Health Month webpage at <http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/Actnow/>

At the website, you can also download free materials, including the 2012 National Minority Health Month Poster and several fact sheets, to promote this observance.



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