

AoA Older Americans Month 2008 Program Champion

Project: Multi-Ethnic Senior Summit

Organization: Utah State Office of Ethnic Affairs & the Utah State Office of Aging

Project Description:

In an effort to improve outreach and service to Utah's minority populations, the state Division of Aging and Adult Services, along with the Utah Department of Human Services, is looking to develop and increase the dialog between the state and the stakeholders, advocacy groups, churches, community partners and local government agencies for sharing best practices, developing benchmarks and overall improving and coordinating out efforts. To begin this effort, the Utah State Office of Ethnic Affairs and the Utah State Division of Aging and Adult Services will be holding a Multi-Ethnic Senior Summit on Thursday, May 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Weber Area Agency on Aging in Ogden, UT. Participants will include community, religious, advocacy and government agency leaders who are stakeholders in Utah's various ethnic communities.

The goal of the summit is to find ways to benchmark with stakeholders in reaching and providing support to Utah's minority senior populations. By presenting information to these stakeholders and in turn seeking their advice on outreach and service possibilities, the organizers hope to be able to better reach and serve a constituency that can be difficult to find and provide assistance.

The Utah State Office of Ethnic Affairs and the Utah State Division of Aging and Adult Services plan to build on this initial conference with ongoing discussions and events targeted at Utah's multi-ethnic seniors. They anticipate this will be a long term and ongoing effort and are looking forward to finding ways to better reach our constituents.

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