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National Preparedness Month – Get Prepared

The Administration on Aging (AoA) joins President Obama in acknowledging the goodwill, determination and strength Americans show when natural disasters strike our shores as well as across the globe. A timely and effective response to a natural disaster begins with advanced preparation.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Ready Campaign* reminds us all to *Resolve to be Ready* in 2011. The Campaign includes a toolkit to help organizations develop internal and external messages to encourage their members, employees, constituents, customers, and community to make a resolution to prepare for emergencies. Also located in the Campaign's website are a sample E-mail and a Newsletter that can be shared with key constituents. The website is accessible at <http://www.ready.gov/america/about/resolve2011.html>

Update your membership or join the National Preparedness Month Coalition. Membership in the Coalition will give you access to a number of resources and allow you to collaborate with thousands of fellow members across the country on ways to participate and get your community involved. The website provides suggestions and ideas for activities and events, ready-to-use templates and messaging, including posters, web banners, press releases, articles, Facebook Status Updates, Tweets for

Twitter, and much more. The National Preparedness Month Coalition website is located at <http://community.fema.gov/connect.ti/READYNPM>



4th Annual National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day

The 4th Annual National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day is on Sunday, September 18, 2011. This year's theme is *Aging is a part of life; HIV doesn't have to be.*

The National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day focuses on the challenging issues facing the aging population with regards to HIV prevention, testing, care and treatment. In addition, there is an increased need for prevention, research, and data targeting the aging population, medical understanding of the aging process and its impact on HIV/AIDS.

Organizations and community members are invited to develop, implement and participate in awareness activities and events on or around September 18th. For suggestions and ideas on how and what to do in your community and to register your event, please go to National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day website at

<http://www.theaidsinstitute.org/programs/education/national-hivaids-and-aging-awareness-nhaaa>

Funding Opportunities

National Service Agency Announces 2012 AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has released three funding notices for its 2012 AmeriCorps grant competition. The grant competition carries out the goals of the bipartisan 2009 Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act and the agency's 2011-2015 Strategic Plan to achieve greater impact by targeting resources on a core set of challenges and using performance measures to assess and demonstrate impact.

Applications are due January 18, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

To learn more about each funding opportunity and to download an application, please go to http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp

Stay Informed

Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents: A Forum on Emergency Preparedness for Service Providers

The recent earthquake and hurricane reminded us again that we always have to be prepared for a possible disaster. Do you have an adequate plan for the community you serve?

The DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) invites you to this forum to help better prepare you for emergencies or disasters as it impacts senior clients, residents or customers. The goal of the forum is to provide attendees with a deeper understanding of their roles in major disasters.

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM Eastern Time

To learn more about this forum and to register, please go to <http://j.mp/DCPrepare>

CMS to Offer ACO Accelerated Development Learning Session in San Francisco

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will offer its second ACO (Accountable Care Organizations) Accelerated Development Learning Session in San Francisco on September 15-16.

This free two-day session provides executive leadership teams from emerging and existing ACO entities the opportunity to learn from industry leaders about essential ACO functions and ways to build organizational capacity needed to achieve the triple aim: better care, better health, and lower costs through improvement.

To register for this training session, please go to <https://acoregister.rti.org/>

CMS Webinar on *Building an Integrated Appeals System for Dual Eligibles*

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is working with states to design new models for integrating Medicare and Medicaid benefits for those who receive benefits under both programs. Enrollees in these new integrated models must have the ability to appeal decisions and to file complaints about problems they encounter. Given the high level of vulnerability in this population, any system should include the best protections provided by the collective Medicare and Medicaid appeals processes.

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2011

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pacific / 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern

To register for this webinar, please go to
<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/441776518>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

Webinar on *Focus on Texas: Caregiver Assessments*

The Family Caregiver Alliance is sponsoring a webinar focused on the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) and efforts to implement a caregiver status questionnaire in its Medicaid functional eligibility determination process for home and community-based services (HCBS) as well as a caregiver assessment in its Older American Act, Title III-E programs.

Participants will learn about the legislative history behind the assessment, the department's development and implementation processes, how the tool is used and administered, challenges and lessons learned, and future plans for assessing the program.

Date: September 20, 2011

Time: 12:00 p.m. Central Time

To register for this event, please go to
http://www.caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/content_node.jsp?nodeid=2506

Aging News

2011 NISC Annual Programs of Excellence Awards

Win national recognition for your program!

Every day, senior centers across the country offer an exciting array of programs for older adults. The National Institute Of Senior Centers (NISC) Annual Programs of Excellence Awards honor and promote these outstanding efforts. The application deadline is Friday, October 14, 2011. To learn more about the Awards criteria or to download an application, please go to <http://www.ncoa.org/news-ncoa-publications/news/send-us-your-outstanding.html>

Stay Healthy at 50+

The Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) recently published two informational brochures to help persons at ages 50 and above stay healthy. The brochures give information on which screening tests you need and when to get them, which medicines may prevent diseases and daily steps you can take for good health.

Women: Stay Healthy at 50+ is accessible online at
<http://ahrq.hhs.gov/ppip/women50.htm>

Men: Stay Healthy at 50+ is accessible online at <http://ahrq.hhs.gov/ppip/men50.htm>

Observances

September Observances

National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th-October 15th)

For more information, including helpful resources, please visit the National Hispanic Heritage Month website at <http://hispanicheritagemoth.gov/index.html>

For information about activities sponsored by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, go to <http://www.chci.org/news/pub/chci-announces-2011-hispanic-heritage-month-events>

Healthcare Fraud Prevention & Awareness Month

For more information, including helpful resources, please visit the Medicare Fraud & Abuse website at <http://www.medicare.gov/navigation/help-and-support/fraud-and-abuse/fraud-and-abuse-overview.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

National Senior Center Month

2011 Theme: *It Happens at My Senior Center. My Life. My Time. My Way.*

For more information, including helpful resources, please visit the National Council on Aging website at <http://www.ncoa.org/strengthening-community-organizations/senior-centers/national-senior-center-month-1.html>

National Sickle Cell Month

For more information, including helpful resources, please visit the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. website at <http://www.sicklecelldisease.org/>

Suicide Prevention Month

For more information, including helpful resources, please visit the Suicide Prevention Resource Center website at <http://www.sprc.org/thismonth/index.asp>

World Alzheimer's Month

For more information, including helpful resources, please visit the Alzheimer's Association website at <http://www.alz.org/wam/wam.asp>

Get Ready Day (20th – always the third Tuesday; help to prepare for all disasters and hazards)

For more information, including helpful resources, please visit the Get Ready Day website at <http://www.getreadyforflu.org/getreadyday/index.htm>

Active Aging Week (September 25th–October 1st)

For more information, including helpful resources, please visit the International Council on Active Aging website at <http://www.icaa.cc/aaw.htm>

National Women's Health & Fitness Day (28th; always the last Wednesday)

For more information, including helpful resources, please visit the National Women's Health & Fitness Day website at <http://www.fitnessday.com/women/>

Conferences

September Conferences

15th: Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging 2011 Annual Conference

Sponsors: Addus HealthCare, The Port Armstrong Supportive Living Facility, Help at Home, Inc., and the Illinois Coalition on Mental Health & Aging
Website: <http://www.wiaaa.org/uploads/11Registration-WIAAA.pdf>

15th: Fourth National GrandRally for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children

Sponsors: AARP, Child Welfare League of America, Children's Defense Fund, Generations United, GrandFamilies of America, and Grandparents for Children's Rights
Website: http://cdf.childrensdefense.org/site/PageServer?pagename=grandrally_home

20th -23rd: 22nd Annual National Adult Protective Services Association Conference & The 18th Annual New York State Adult Abuse Training Institute: Stemming the Tide of Adult Abuse

Sponsor: National Adult Protective Services Association
Website: <http://www.apsnetwork.org/Training/conference.htm>

22nd: Innovations and Emerging Trends in NORC Program Services

Sponsor: Jewish Association for Services for the Aged

Website: <http://www.jasa.org/>

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

Please direct submissions to the AoA Calendar of Events to Paulette Nowden at Paulette.Nowden@aoa.hhs.gov

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