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Updates, Information & Resources

Maine DHHS: Temporary Rate Increase Guidance for MaineCare Providers
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Maine DHHS Seeks Federal Flexibility to Support Adults with Disabilities and Older Mainers in the Face of COVID-19
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Maine Municipal Association: MMA Letter to Gov. Mills, re: Elections and Town Meetings
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Framing COVID-19
Topic #8: Keeping democratic ideals alive during the pandemic

To come through this crisis, we need democracy to work as it should. We need representatives who look ahead and look out for us all. We need institutions that prioritize public health, not private interests. We need government that responds to our needs and respects the limits on its power.
The way we talk about leaders, leadership, and institutions now sets the context for what comes next. We won't revitalize democracy by leaving people to assume that politics is, and always will be, broken beyond repair. But if we remind people of our democratic ideals - and show how they connect to this crisis and our future beyond it -- we can rebuild demand for leaders and systems that put people first.

Here are three framing strategies that can help us inspire a recommitment to democracy.

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National Council on Aging: Resources for Older Adults

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Successful Practices for Telework & Outreach Tips from the MIPPA, Senior Medicare Patrol and SHIP Resource Centers

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CMS: CARES Act Financial Guidance to State Survey Agencies

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Leading Age: Covid-19 Online Education

Free QuickCasts: Explore coronavirus materials on the Learning Hub

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Funding Opportunities

NCOA: COVID-19 Community Response Fund

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Maine Philanthropy Center: COVID-19 Response Funds

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Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Zoomin' with EqualityMaine

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Advanced Care Planning & Covid-19

Advanced Care Planning and Cultural Considerations in the time of COVID-19

Presented by:
Joshua Magariel, LCSW, National Director of Patient Experience at Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care.
Nicole McCann-Davis, National Director of Communications and Multicultural Affairs at
Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care

When: Friday, May 1st, 2020, 2 pm ET / 11 am PT OR 4:00 pm ET / 1:00 pm PT

Course Description: As the coronavirus pandemic nears its peak around the United States, clinicians and healthcare workers in all settings will need to have the skills to guide patients through creating advanced care plans that fit their wishes, beliefs, and circumstances. One of the key considerations to facilitating advanced care planning discussions is a firm understanding the impact that COVID-19 is having on different communities and cultures. Join Seasons for an engaging hour-long look at how to facilitate advanced directive conversations in a time of coronavirus.

This course is eligible for one credit hour(s) of CE for registered nurses and social workers. For additional information on the course and how credit is obtained, please click here to view an event flyer.

Click Here to Register for our 5/1 Course!

Care of the Patient with Dementia

Presented by:
Ryana Goldberger, MSW, LCSW, ACHP-SW, National Director of Patient Experience at Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care.

When: Tuesday, May 5th, 2020 2 pm ET / 11 am PT

Join us to learn how to define dementia, discuss prevalence, symptoms and treatment options for patients with Alzheimer's, and discuss methods of supporting caregivers of those with dementia.

This course is eligible for one credit hour(s) of CE/CME for RNs, LPNs, LVNs, social workers, MDs, DOs, NPs, and PAs. For additional information on the course and how credit is obtained, please click here to view an event flyer.

Click here to register

American Society on Aging: Older Adult Malnutrition: A Health Crisis

Date: May 5, 2020
Time: 1:00-2:30pm ET

Did you know that the COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to place older Americans at an increased risk for poor nutrition and its negative health impacts? Older adult malnutrition continues as a health crisis in America today, and can be addressed through a collaborative effort of key stakeholders in aging research, policy, and programs. The webinar National Developments in Addressing Older Adult Malnutrition: From Research to Policies to Programs will report on the latest national developments in malnutrition prevention, including the recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on federal nutrition programs for older adults, the consideration of sarcopenia and the special nutrition needs of older adults in creating updated Dietary Guidelines, and the integration of malnutrition/undernutrition screening measures into national health surveys. You will walk away with next steps to take to participate in and take action on these opportunities.

Find out more information and register here.

UMaine Health Connection Chats

Announcing Second Round of Sessions May-June

Click here to read about the upcoming chats

Upcoming:
UMaine Health Connection Chat: Issues Relevant to Those with Cancer & Caregivers of Those with Cancer
Wednesday, 11am – 12 Noon
May 6th, 2020
Click here to read more

National Older Adults Mental Health Awareness Day 2020 Webinar

May 7, 2020
1:2:30 pm EST

Please join the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Administration for Community Living, Veterans Health Administration, and National Coalition on Mental Health, and Aging for the NATIONAL OLDER ADULT MENTAL
Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day 2020 will include important remarks from the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use - Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz, the Assistant Secretary for Aging – Mr. Lance Robertson, and the latest information on coping with social isolation and loneliness from University of California San Diego Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry, Dr. Dilip Jeste.

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Engaging Community Food Sources During COVID-19
Hosted by Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging
Tuesday, May 12th, 2020
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
On Tuesday, May 12 from 12:00 to 1:30, the focus of the Idea and Experience Exchange: Wisdom Inquiry series will be engaging community food sources during COVID-19. Has your lifelong community initiative developed a hot meal to go program instead of a weekly hot meal? Is your food pantry developing new ways to meet the needs in your community? Are restaurants, local grocery stores, and farmers finding new ways to deliver food safely to their customers? Are you planning a “Victory Garden”? If you know about any of these in your community, please come prepared to share. People who attend this webinar will leave inspired with new ways to engage community food sources during COVID-19 and beyond.

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Southern Maine Agency on Aging Virtual Classes
Telephone Family Caregiver Support Group:
(CALL: 713-3723), Monday, May 11, 2020, 3 – 4:30pm,
FMI: Barbara Alberda, 713-3723
Click here for more information
Stress Management for Family Caregivers During the Pandemic on May 13, 1-2pm

Free Training for Direct Care Workers on PPE
This grant funded PPE training module was developed specifically for direct care workers. Find the Direct Care training in the yellow box at the link below.
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Local Community Volunteer Efforts

Check out this initiative!

Harpswell Aging at Home
They are providing weekly Lunch to Go, food pantry, pet food assistance, providing resources for financial assistance, grocery shopping and much more!
Click here to find out more
Find them of Facebook here

Maine Council on Aging is working to share any community efforts & available resources across Maine and have started sharing on our website for easy reference. Check out the link below & share within your networks to ensure that service providers of all kinds can more easily find the services older people need during this crisis. This page is updated daily as we hear from more communities - please check back often!

MCOA Local Community Volunteer Efforts Listing

Are you a part of a local volunteer effort in your community and do not see it listed at the
In Case You Missed It

CDC: Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes

Click here to read more

Looking for more resources and information?
Click the button below to access more information and resources from MCOA and past daily email updates.

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