A Reminder from MCOA

The Maine Council on Aging, in partnership with LeadingAge ME & NH and the Maine Resident Services Coordinators Association, hosts a weekly meeting for congregate housing coordinators and managers to address concerns related to a potential outbreak of Covid-19 in congregate housing settings. Please join us!

Standing MCOA/LeadingAge Housing Call – for RSCs and Housing Managers – every Friday at 10:15
Join Zoom Meeting (video encouraged): https://zoom.us/j/992754142
Meeting ID: 992 754 142
Password: 535837
Conference Call Line: 1-646-558-8656 passcode: 992754142#

Updates, Information & Resources

COVID-19 Testing: Maine CDC Updated Guidance
Click here to read the bulletin

Mills Administration Announces Update to Restarting Maine’s Economy Plan
Click here to read the bulletin

What’s the Evidence for Wearing Masks?
Click here to read more
Upcoming Learning Opportunities

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.
Click here to read more

Alzheimer's Association: COVID-19 Caring Conversations
COVID-19 Caring Conversations (for people with memory loss and their caregivers)
COVID-19 Caring Conversations For Professionals
Click here for more information and to register

(TODAY) What Challenges are People with Chronic Disease Facing in the New COVID-19 Environment?
May 28, 2020 03:00 PM
People with chronic conditions have always faced considerable challenges to manage their conditions. In an age of COVID-19, they face many new challenges, including not getting the routine care they need to monitor and manage their chronic disease. In this month’s General Member Webinar, Dr. Betsy Thompson, Director of the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention at CDC and a Rear Admiral in the U.S. Public Health Service will discuss some of these challenges we should understand and look at approaches that can help us inform the public in our states and territories.
Click here to register

(TODAY) Webinar 5/28: Navigating Provider Transformation
Webinar on Thursday, May 28 at 3:00 - 4:30 pm ET.
ACL and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are hosting a monthly Webinar series to assist states and stakeholders in developing high quality programs to address social determinants of health (SDOH) and provider capacity building in home- and community-based services (HCBS). The series will focus on best practices in a number of key areas, including person-centered planning, guardianship reform, aligning HCBS policy with SDOH, housing, employment, community inclusion, transportation, and more.
This webinar will feature resources and projects on provider transformation from congregate settings into community integration. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) will start by discussing the National Expansion of Employment Opportunities Network (NEON) grant for competitive integrated employment. Attendees will hear from nonprofit organizations on operational implications of transitioning congregate day services and sheltered workshops to those that are truly person-centered and community-based. There will be ample time for questions and discussion.

Register for the webinar.

Establish a Volunteer led Social Wellness Call Program: Train the Trainer Webinar
May 29 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
The Motion Picture and Television Fund is sharing their social connectivity train the trainer program with senior center professionals. Staff who will be training volunteers to make wellness calls should sign up for this free training. This free training will provide guidance for starting a program, recruiting, marketing, policies and procedures, rules and regulations and reporting. MPTF will ask for feedback from those deciding to use the tools.

Click here to register

Rural Primary Care Tools and Resources for Managing Suicidal Ideation During COVID-19
Jun 2, 2020 02:00 PM in Central Time
Mental health professionals are predicting an increase in suicidal ideation as a result of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). Part of the explanation has been tied to financial stress, role balance, and isolation. Individuals in rural communities may be experiencing these risks for suicidal ideations more acutely given rural people already disproportionately struggle with isolation and poverty. In rural communities primary care providers are an integral member of the mental health workforce and can play a pivotal role in identifying and managing suicidal ideation in their patients.

Click here to register

Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging "Resiliency & Recovery Conversation" Series
Adult Day Centers: June 3rd, 2020, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Click here to learn more & register for the upcoming conversations

Dementia Workforce Development: Two Models to Prepare for the Future (National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) Webinar – June 16, 2020)
An introduction to critical issues in the dementia workforce will be presented. The CATCH-ON program at Rush University Medical Center is addressing workforce needs in unique ways through its Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program. Dr. Erin Emery-Tiburcio will discuss various aspects of CATCH-ON, including the development of Dementia Friendly Communities in Illinois and resources for building your local dementia workforce. A second dementia workforce program example will be provided by Ms. Katelyn Marschall. Ms. Marschall will provide an overview of the Wisconsin Dementia Care Specialist Program and how the Dementia Care Specialist Program impacts people with dementia and their families. Practical resources for dementia professionals developed for use in community-based settings will also be provided.

Click here for more information

Local Community Volunteer Efforts
Check out this initiative!

Town of Richmond, Maine
Richmond Area Senior Center has a group of folks to help with grocery shopping, prescription pick up and transportation to the Doctors. They are providing these services to folks in Richmond and the nearby town of Dresden.

Click here to read more
Find the Town of Richmond of Facebook

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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 webpage above? Please let us know about it by completing the brief survey here.

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In Case You Missed It

Funding Opportunities and PPE Resources are cataloged on our COVID-19 Resources for Providers Page, click the link below to visit the page.

Maine Expands Contact Tracing to Limit the Spread of COVID-19
Click here to read more

Universal Testing in Congregate Living Settings
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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