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UPDATES & INFORMATION
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Updates, Information & Resources

Attention: Providers of Sections 18, 19, 20, 21 and 29: Certain Service Caps and Related Provisions in Appendix K Amendment Extended Through August 31, 2020
Click here to read the bulletin

CDC: Considerations for Election Polling Locations and Voters (updated 6/22/20)
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OSHA Guidance on Returning to Work (6/2020)
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LeadingAge: New HUD Report: Increase of Older Adult Housing Needs
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LeadingAge: Responding to Negative Views on Aging Services During the Pandemic
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Diane Atwood: Trying to stay connected from afar
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Funding Opportunities

CARES ACT FUNDS MINI-GRANTS AVAILABLE
All of the Area Agencies on Aging are offering mini-grants to local community partners through the CARES act funding. Contact your AAA directly for more information. We will also be sharing more information as we receive notice from the AAA's.

Here are some links to available mini-grants:

Southern Maine Agency on Aging: York and Cumberland Counties
Click here for more information

SeniorsPlus: Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties
Click here for more information and click here for the application

Grant Application: 2020 Census COVID Contingency Fund
COVID-19 has impacted Census Bureau operations, media coverage of the 2020 Census, and civil society’s efforts to get out the count.
The Census COVID Contingency Fund is supporting local get out the count (GOTC) efforts reaching the hardest to count populations (those with a response rate under the national average) by providing contingency funding and digital training. For this first round of funding we have ten $2500 grants available to eligible applicants.
Click here to read more and apply

(NEW) DHHS/ACL: Mobilizing and Empowering the Nation and Technology to Address Loneliness & social isolation (MENTAL) Health Innovation Challenge
Click here to read more

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Introducing The Eden Lab - Trans Health & LGBT Aging
From the award-winning Embodied Labs immersive platform comes a new experience -- The Eden Lab: Trans Health & LGBT Aging. This lab will explore the unique challenges of identifying as an older adult from the LGBT community, with a special focus on trans health. Attendees will be able to get a sneak peek into scenes from within the VR headset, and hear from a panel of experts and practitioners from academia, healthcare, residential care communities, and more on why they think The Eden Lab is so important to use in training. We'll also discuss practical tips for how to incorporate immersive learning into your organization in individual, group, and distance learning modes.

After attending this webinar, attendees will be able to:
• Articulate some of the key ways that LGBT aging is unique
• Be familiar with the key learning objectives of The Eden Lab
• Identify three use cases (academic, community health, and residential community care) for utilizing The Eden Lab and other immersive content in training
• Understand how to design training with the stakeholders of the LGBT community

Speakers: Erin Washington, Co-Founder, Embodied Labs/Dr. Marilyn Gugliucci, Professor and Director of Geriatrics Research at the University of New England/Dr. Jaime Hannans, RN, CNE, Associate Professor of Nursing at California State University Channel Islands/Dr. Tonia Nguyen, OTD, OTR/L, Project Coordinator & Trainer, Front Porch
Communities
Click here to register

UMaine Health Connection Chats
Click here to learn more about past chats & find out about upcoming chats

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

[ASA: Future Proof] When America Catches a Cold, Black America Gets Pneumonia: NCBA Responds to COVID
June 25, 1:00 PM (PDT)
Karyne Jones, President and CEO of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aging will share how COVID-19 has impacted her organization, with a focus on affected African American elders and the services NCBA provides for them. She will address societal issues, including social determinants, chronic disease and access to healthcare, that continue to plague the African American community and how they are reflected in the imbalance in virus cases. She will describe the changes they had to make, including the way they communicate, and highlight lessons learned.
Click here to register

Addressing Social Isolation Through Technology Solutions
Webinar on Friday, June 26 at 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET.
ACL presents a webinar highlighting how technology can be leveraged to increase social engagement, including specific hardware and software options. Presenters will also identify resources for acquiring and distributing technology, as well as mechanisms for training older adults and adults with disabilities to use technology solutions designed to mitigate social isolation.
Click here to register

Meals on Wheels America to host National Social Isolation Virtual Summit Presented by the Caesars Foundation
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020 | 10:30AM PST/ 1:30PM EST
The National Social Isolation Virtual Summit will focus on critical issues affecting older Americans, including social isolation, hunger and loneliness, and finding cross-sector solutions that provide enhanced quality of life.
Click here to read more and register

Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging "Resiliency & Recovery Conversation" Series
July 22nd 2:00 - 3:00 pm: Adult Day Center Check In Call
Click here to learn more & register

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
Check out this initiative!

Ecumenical Food Pantry seeing increase in clients amid pandemic
CARIBOU, Maine — The Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry has been seeing an increase of two to four clients a week since the COVID-19 pandemic hit, according to Tim Sturzl, chairman of the Ecumenical Food Pantry Board.

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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

Meals on Wheels Need You!
We heard this morning on our member and partner call that so many of the new volunteers who stepped up during over the last few months to deliver meals have gone back to work. So, all of Maine’s area agencies on aging need your help! Please get the word out that we need volunteers to deliver meals to older people who cannot prepare meals for themselves. We can connect you with your local agency if you’re not sure who to call. Thank you!

LeadingAge: House Democrats propose housing, healthcare infrastructure package
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SENior COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM STATE PLAN PUBLIC HEARINGS
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Click the button below to access more information and resources from MCOA and past daily email updates.