COVID-19
UPDATES & INFORMATION
7/6/20

A Reminder from MCOA

MCOA Partners, Members & Friends Check In Call
Tomorrow, Tuesday, July 7th at 8:00am
Standing MCOA Member & Partner Call
These calls have moved to Bi-Weekly Tuesday mornings at 8:00
Join Zoom Meeting (video encouraged): https://zoom.us/j/974743577
Meeting ID: 974 743 577
Password: 785205
Conference Call Line: 1-646-558-8656 passcode: 974743577#

We look forward to seeing you there!

Updates, Information & Resources

CDC: Stop the Spread of Rumors
Click here to read more

NCEA: Should I Take My Loved One Home During the COVID-19 Crisis?
Click here to read more

Protecting and Improving the Lives of Older Adults in the COVID-19 Era
Click here to read more
ACL: OLDER AMERICANS ACT COVID-19 GUIDANCE (updated 6/23/20)

U.S. Census Bureau: Community Resilience Estimates

World Health Organization: How to wear a non-medical fabric mask safely Infographic

LeadingAge: An Evolving Approach to Ageism


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**Funding Opportunities**

**CARES ACT FUNDS MINI-GRANTS AVAILABLE**
Here are some links to available mini-grants through the Area Agencies on Aging:

**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

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

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**Upcoming Learning Opportunities**
University of New England Center for Excellence in Collaborative Education presents: Engaging Older Adults During a Pandemic: Creative Approaches to Online Wellness  
Monday, July 6, 12-1pm  
An interprofessional panel led by Tom Meuser from the Center for Excellence in Aging and Health, UNE alumnae Carly Woolard MSW '20, and older adult community partners from the Legacy Scholars program will explore challenges for older adults during COVID-19, including coping with isolation, staying mentally and physically healthy, and overcoming technical challenges during quarantine.  
Watch on facebook.com/UNECollaborative or at: stream.une.edu/events  
Click here for more info

NEW) Using Technology to Combat Loneliness in Wake of COVID-19  
Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm EDT  
This webinar is presented by the American Society on Aging and sponsored by Best Buy Health. The webinar will discuss the risks of social isolation and how health plans can address these issues, along with other SDOH needs. During the webinar, attendees will learn about the benefits of health-based technology and the social work model, as well as potential barriers and strategies for implementation.  
Presenter: Jamie Jones is director of Commercial Customer Service at Critical Signal Technologies, which was acquired by Best Buy Health last year.  
Click here to register

University of Maine Center on Aging Health Connection Chat  
Being Mindful While Navigating the Pandemic  
Wednesday, July 8, 11am-noon  
Emily A.P. Haigh, PhD  
Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Training, Department of Psychology, University of Maine  
For call-in information or Zoom connection link, please contact Kelley Morris at kelley.morris@maine.edu or 207.262.7925  
Those joining by phone can send in questions to our speakers ahead of time by contacting Len Kaye at len.kaye@maine.edu or 207.262.7922  
Click here to visit the Health Connection Chat website for more information or for videos of past offerings

July 7: Home and Community-based Care  
July 14: Ageing in the Time of Coronavirus  
July 21: Impact on Older Adults in LMICs  
July 28: Loneliness and Isolation  
Click here for more information and to register

NEW) Advance Care Planning in the Age of COVID - Lessons Learned and Policy Implications  
Wednesday, July 8, 2020  12:00 pm - 1:15 pm  
The Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) and The Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School are holding a webinar on July 8, "Advance Care Planning in the Age of COVID: Lessons Learned and Policy Implications."  
Advance Care Planning (ACP) has never been more important than now. Our recent experience with COVID-19 lays bare ACP gaps and barriers that persist despite many years of promotion of ACP through public and clinical education. Federal and state regulators have implemented ACP waivers to address some of these concerns, but these waivers are temporary. This webinar will evaluate these temporary
waivers and determine where there are remaining gaps and barriers, examine the lessons
learned from this experience and identify longer-term policy solutions that support quality
ACP services for all.

Presenters include:
- Stephanie Anderson, DNP, RN, Executive Director, Respecting Choices
- Marilyn J.D. Barnes, MS, MA, MPH, BCC, VP, Mission and Spiritual Care, Advocate
  Aurora Health
- Marian Grant, DNP, ACNP-BC, ACHPN, FPCN, RN, Senior Regulatory Advisor,
  The Coalition to Transform Advanced Care; Adjunct Faculty, Johns Hopkins and
  University of Maryland Schools of Nursing
- Sarah Hooper, J.D., Executive Director, UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law,
  Science & Health Policy, Adjunct Professor of Law at UC Hastings College of the
  Law
- Moderator: Shoshana Ungerleider, MD, Founder, End Well Foundation, Physician
  and Teaching Faculty Member, Sutter Health

Click here to learn more and register

Successfully Engaging Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities via
Technology
Webinar on Thursday, July 9 at 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET.
Across the country, community-based organizations are responding to the needs of older
adults and adults with disabilities by expanding options for virtual programming and service
delivery. Virtual offerings can promote service continuity in lieu of in-person interactions,
as well as foster social connectedness.
Join ACL and other national stakeholders for a webinar highlighting programs, best
practices, and tips for creating communities of learning and engagement via technology.
Presenters will address marketing/outreach, barriers to virtual participation, strategies for
holding interactive and inclusive conversations, and more.
This webinar will be recorded and posted on ACL’s COVID-19 webpage.
Presenters: Ryan Elza, AARP Foundation; Stephen Ewell, Consumer Technology
Association (CTA) Foundation; Thomas Kamber, Older Adults Technology Services
(OATS); Susan Stiles, National Council on Aging
Register for the webinar.

(NEW) Justice in Aging: Free Webcast: Protecting Medicaid Home and
Community Based Services During COVID-19
Thu, Jul 9, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT
During the COVID-19 crisis, it has become clear that the ability to receive services and
care at home and in the community is critical to keeping people safe and healthy and to
help stop the spread of the virus. Unfortunately, however, there are multiple barriers to
adequate access to Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).
A lack of investment in HCBS by federal and state governments, scarcity of personal
protective equipment for home care workers, and state cuts to HCBS programs to address
budget shortfalls threaten existing HCBS infrastructure and put the lives of millions of
seniors and people with disabilities at risk.
In this webcast, you will hear from disability, aging, and state advocates on what actions
you can take to protect and maintain access to HCBS in your state. The webcast will
include:
• An overview of HCBS advocacy at the federal level;
• A summary of available funding for community-based providers to respond to COVID-19;
and
• Discussion of advocacy tools to maintain HCBS infrastructure and to combat efforts to
cut HCBS in state budgets.
Who should participate:
Aging and disability advocates who want to learn how to protect Medicaid Home and
Community-Based Services.
Presenters:
Nicole Jorwic, Senior Director of Public Policy, The Arc
Amber Christ, Directing Attorney, Justice in Aging
State Advocates from Washington and Oklahoma
Click here to learn 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

(NEW) The Role of State Units on Aging in Home Modification and Repair: Lessons from a National Survey
Thursday, July 23, 2020 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm EDT
The home environment plays an important role in aging in place. However, the extent to which State Units on Aging (SUAs) contribute to maximizing access to home modification and repair (HMR) has not been well understood. With support from the Administration for Community Living and in partnership with ADvancing States, the University of Southern California Leonard Davis School of Gerontology surveyed state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities to develop a knowledge base of state HMR activities for older adults and persons with disabilities. This webinar will feature the findings from the 50 SUA respondents, and provide examples of the challenges, opportunities, and successes related to maximizing older adults’ access to HMR polices, programs, and funding sources at the state level.
Presenters: Jon Pynoos, Emily Nabors, and Julie Overton, University of Southern California Leonard Davis School of Gerontology; and Damon Terzaghi, ADvancing States
Real-time captioning will be provided for this webinar. Pre-registration is required for this webinar. Space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.
Click here to 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

Local Community Volunteer Efforts

Check out this initiative!

Yarmouth nursing home reunites families parted by pandemic
A June 25 parade allowed residents of Brentwood Center for Health & Rehabilitation to see their loved ones for the first time in person since March, when the coronavirus forced the facility to close its doors to visitors.
Click here to read the article

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**

**Maine CDC: Visitor & Customer Screening Poster**
Click here to read more

**CDC: Retirement Communities and Independent Living** (updated 6/29/20)
Click here to read more

**MCOA Voting Infographic: Did you know: We’re voting in July and November?**
Click here to read more

**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!

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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