A Reminder from MCOA

MCOA COVID-19 Housing Call w/LeadingAge & Maine Resident Service Coordinators Association

Friday, July 10th at 10:00am

Please note: The next Congregate Housing meeting will be on July 10th at 10:00 a.m. and every other week thereafter. Note the time change to accommodate a new standing call hosted by the state and new Zoom meeting info below.

The NEW Zoom meeting information follows:

Join Zoom Meeting (video encouraged): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83870126648?pwd=WVhMWDRuYUIDL2MzQ2dhQ3VydQzvcwQT09

Meeting ID: 838 7012 6648
Password: 226139
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Updates, Information & Resources

To Fight COVID-19, Governor Mills Strengthens Enforcement of Face Covering Requirement as Maine Reopens

Click here to read the bulletin

Maine DHHS: Update: Nursing Facility and Residential Care Facility Rate Letters for State Fiscal Year 2021

Click here to read more
Maine DHHS OADS: The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) State Plan Public Hearings and Comments

Click here to read more

Maine DHHS: Reminder: Provider Relief Fund – July 20 Application Deadline

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Maine DHHS OADS:

- Letter Requesting Standing Order for Congregate Setting Employees 07/06/2020
- Operationalizing COVID-19 Testing in Congregate Care 07/06/2020

CDC: Quarantine If You Might Be Sick (updated 7/7/20)

Click here to read more

Leading Age: The Non-Negotiables for Older Adults: Five Essential Truths In the Fight Against COVID-19

Click here to read more

Updates from Spectrum Generations

Click here to read the newsletter

Updates from Southern Maine Agency on Aging

Click here to read the newsletter

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
**Upcoming Learning Opportunities**

*(Today)* **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](https://www.acl.gov). 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](https://www.acl.gov).

*(Today)* **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](https://www.acl.gov).


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](https://www.acl.gov).
Lessons from the Front Lines: COVID-19
(twice a month on Fridays at 12:30 – 2:00 PM Eastern
Next Call: Friday, July 17th at 12:30 – 2:00 PM Eastern
Lessons from the Front Lines calls are a joint effort between CMS Administrator Seema Verma, FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn, MD, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Physicians and other clinicians are invited to share their experience, ideas, strategies, and insights with one another related to their COVID-19 response. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters.
Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Code: 3096434
Click here to 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

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!

Caribou nursing home residents treated to community parade
CARIBOU, Maine — More than 50 vehicles accompanied by police cars, fire trucks — and even a tractor — drove by the Caribou Rehab and Nursing Center facility as residents watched with big smiles and happy tears from a barricaded section of the building's garden area on July 2.
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**

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

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

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**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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