



## COVID-19 & Aging Upcoming Webinars

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**Title: [Racial Inequities and COVID-19](#)**

**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Details:** The Center for Community Solutions, in partnership with Advocates for Ohio's Future, will host webinars each Friday at 1 p.m. where a series of advocates will discuss what COVID-19 means for policy and what potential policy changes could mean to you. The webinar will host guests who will discuss racial inequities and COVID-19.

**Registration Link:** [Racial Inequities and COVID-19](#)

**Title: [Guidance for Resuming On-Site Senior Center Operations](#)**

**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Details:** Senior Center professionals have been engaged in local, regional and national discussions about how to safely resume on-site operations. Join us as we share feedback and guidance from the field and from national organizations. We will share insights from National Institute of Senior Center's members and their safety focused, phased approach to resuming on-site operations. ACL staff will present returning to a "New Normal" and phased reopening guidelines for senior nutrition program operations. And NCOA staff from the Center for Healthy Aging will share tips for strengthening virtual evidence based and informed programs.

**Registration Link:** [Guidance for Resuming On-Site Senior Center Operations](#)

**Title: [SNAP Outreach to Immigrant Seniors: Challenges and Best Practices](#)**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Details:** Millions of older adults (i.e., age 60 and over) remain eligible for, but not enrolled in, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the nation's most vital assistance program that helps people with limited incomes afford food. Certain population groups are [more likely to be food insecure](#) but less likely to be enrolled in SNAP. These include rural residents, immigrants whose first language is not English, minorities, and those with disabilities. This webinar features lessons learned and best practices from organizations whose outreach specifically targeted immigrant seniors.

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*Fostering sound public policy, research, and initiatives that benefit older Ohioans.*

**Title: The "New Normal" Way of Providing Key Nutrition Services to Seniors**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2020

**Time:** 3:30 pm

**Details:** The COVID-19 public health emergency continues to change the ways in which the Aging Network is meeting the needs of older adults. Over the past few weeks, senior nutrition programs have shown great leadership and innovation as they altered their service models to provide meals and groceries to older adults in new and creative ways. Looking ahead, as states begin the process of reopening, ACL – in partnership with staff at the NRCNA and the Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics – will talk about ways for transitioning to "new normal" operations for senior nutrition programs.

**Registration Link:** [The "New Normal" Way of Providing Key Nutrition Services to Seniors](#)

**Title: Ensuring Linguistic Competence in Person-Centered Practices and Systems**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Details:** Person-centered practices require system capacity to respond effectively to the communication needs of diverse populations. Persons with limited English proficiency, those who have low literacy skills or are not literate either in English or their language of origin, persons with disabilities, those who struggle with health and mental health literacy, and persons who are deaf or hard of hearing all have unique communication needs in our health care and human services systems. The Georgetown University National Center for Cultural Competence puts forth a model for linguistic competence that addresses the interests and needs of these diverse populations within the contexts of the broad array of health and human services systems in the U.S. This webinar will: (a) take an in depth look at linguistic competence; (b) describe its foundational policies, structures, and practices with an emphasis on health care, mental health care, and disability and aging services; (d) offer the perspectives of persons with lived experience and the organizations that provide linguistically competent care, services, and supports; and (e) delineate the inseparable relationship between linguistic competence and person-centered practice.

**Registration Link:** [Ensuring Linguistic Competence in Person-Centered Practices and Systems](#)

**Title: Locating Community-Based Resources**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Details:** People with spinal cord injury and paralysis are likely to need community-based services and supports offered through the aging and disability networks available in nearly every community in the U.S. This webinar includes an overview of the services provided by the aging services network that are currently used by people with spinal cord injury (health/wellness programs, caregiver support, in-home assistance, case management, transportation, home modification and legal services). Also covered is the role of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) and the Eldercare Locator in connecting people with critical resources to live independently in their own communities.

**Registration Link:** [Locating Community-Based Resources](#)

**Title: Social Isolation and Loneliness among Older Americans During COVID-19: Evidence, Policy and Advocacy**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Details:** The stress and isolation of living in a pandemic are taking their toll on everyone. It's a message many mental health experts have been sending in recent weeks, as millions face not just the spread of a new and dangerous virus, but also the measures necessary to stem that spread, which can cut people off from friends, family, therapists, and others who could ordinarily support them through difficult times. As part of the Older Americans Month observation in May, the Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness and the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging are co-sponsoring a special webinar "Social Isolation and Loneliness Among Older Americans During COVID-19: Evidence, Policy, and Advocacy. This 90-minute event will provide an in-depth examination of the: scope of the problem, biological impacts of social isolation and loneliness, interventions and promising practices, and policy considerations.

**Registration Link:** [Social Isolation and Loneliness among Older Americans During COVID-19: Evidence, Policy and Advocacy](#)

**Title: Supporting Grandfamilies in a Pandemic**

**Date:** Thursday, May 21, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Details:** Join Generations United and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) for a conversation on how the aging network can best support older adults raising grandchildren or other young relatives during this tumultuous time. A grandparent currently raising her grandchildren will share first-hand experience, and other grandfamily and AAA experts will join the conversation.

**Registration Link:** [Supporting Grandfamilies in a Pandemic](#)

**Title: COVID-19 Special Edition Webinar: Maximizing Your Programming Time**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Details:** As activity professionals, the demands on your time have never been higher. As conscientious individuals, you need all the time-savers you can access that will still enable you to provide quality programming. This webinar, with featured speaker Kathy Laenhue, CEO of Wiser Now, Inc., will focus on maximizing the existing resources at your fingertips, particularly those from Activity Connection.

**Registration Link:** [COVID-19 Special Edition Webinar: Maximizing Your Programming Time](#)

**Title: Understanding Social Isolation Series Part 1: What it is, Why it Matters and How it's Measured**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Details:** AARP Foundation, with the American Society on Aging, explores the health impacts of social isolation among older adults, and looks at current recommendations and solutions to prevent and mitigate its negative effects. Healthcare professionals and those in the aging services sector must understand the importance of social connections and strategies to support healthy social engagement and inclusion. This webinar will focus on defining and distinguishing social isolation, facts for social isolation, and the validated tools to measure, identify, and assess at-risk individuals.

**Registration Link:** [Understanding Social Isolation Series Part 1: What it is, Why it Matters and How it's Measured](#)

**Title: Using Technology to Meet the Needs of Older Adults Isolated at Home During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Details:** Technology is not only a tool for connecting older adults with family and friends, but can also be used to deliver health services, prevent social isolation and loneliness, and enhance communication between caregivers, organizations, and communities. This webinar will present on the latest scientific developments in technologies available for older adults, address the myths of older adults and technology use, discuss how to mitigate the effects of normal aging on technology use, and demonstrate how people can utilize technology to help older adults address feelings of loneliness.

**Registration Link:** [Using Technology to Meet the Needs of Older Adults Isolated at Home During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

**Title: Understanding Social Isolation Series Part 2: Interventions and Best Practices in Healthcare and the Community**

**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Details:** AARP Foundation, with the American Society on Aging, explores the health impacts of social isolation among older adults, and looks at current recommendations and solutions to prevent and mitigate its negative effects. Healthcare professionals and those in the aging services sector must understand the importance of social connections and strategies to support healthy social engagement and inclusion. This webinar will focus on describing the ethical and practical considerations for interventions and the importance of community partnerships in combating social isolation.

**Registration Link:** [Understanding Social Isolation Series Part 2: Interventions and Best Practices in Healthcare and the Community](#)

**Title: How to Ready Your Organization for Designing and Building a CBO Network as a Strategy to Meet the Rising Demand for Social Services**

**Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Details:** As more healthcare organizations develop strategies to address the health-related social needs of their populations, and as evidence-based social interventions demonstrate returns on investments, demand for the delivery of standardized social services is growing. This presents a natural challenge for many local aging and disability community-based organizations (CBO) that deliver such services, as they are limited in their ability to scale operations due to lack of funding, operational capacity constraints, and political and geographic boundaries. However, a natural opportunity is emerging as many CBO leaders are creating new networks and/or formalizing existing collaborations in order to address these challenges and provide social services to healthcare organizations in greater volume and across broader geographic areas. I

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