



## COVID-19 & Aging Upcoming Webinars

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**Title: COVID-19 Survey Results**

**Date:** Friday, May 8, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Details:** More than 500 people, from agencies large and small, have responded to The Center for Community Solutions survey about how the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and Governor DeWine's stay-at-home order. Early data has shown that nearly all agencies have experienced disruption as a result of COVID-19. Organizations are adapting rapidly, and more than two-thirds are delivering services by phone, video chat services or both. But some worry about the quality of services and the ability of all Ohioans in need to connect using technology. They are also more worried about the mental health and well-being of their clients than themselves.

**Registration Link:** [COVID-19 Survey Results](#)

**Title: Planning for the Unexpected: What you need to know in the time of COVID-19**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Details:** At any moment, a medical crisis can quickly leave family members without the ability to make healthcare decisions on their own. The impact of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic has made these moments an increasing reality for many families. A lot can seem out of our control but planning for the unexpected is something every person and family can do right now. Join this Facebook Live Q&A to get simple steps you can take to have important conversations with your loved ones and make a plan about important medical decisions.

**Registration Link:** [Planning for the Unexpected: What you need to know in the time of COVID-19](#)

**Title: COVID-19 and Health Equity for Older Adults**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Details:** Health inequities are the result of avoidable differences in health status or the distribution of health resources between different population groups - such as access to health care, differences in race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. The statistics around COVID-19 illustrate the stark racial disparities and inequities that exist in the U.S. Preventing illness has the greatest potential for reducing health inequities, the current pandemic highlights the huge gaps in access, support, and services that diverse populations of older adults and their families truly need to help them not only navigate this crisis but survive it. Join the National Council on Aging and partners in New York City, to honor older adults – by shining light on information, services, and support networks that continue to work tirelessly to ensure that all older adults have what they need to get through this crisis.

**Registration Link:** [COVID-19 and Health Equity for Older Adults](#)

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

**Title: Health & Well-Being Webinar: 5 Ways to Thrive with Vision Loss during Uncertain Times**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 12, 2020

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Details:** Whether you are new to vision loss or just to pandemic safety, adapting to new circumstances is hard! Learn some tools for adjusting and thriving! We are bringing together seven panelists to discuss ways and tools to manage life with vision loss. They will help us think outside of the box and provide insights into living a great life, just in a new way.

**Registration Link:** [Health & Well-Being Webinar: 5 Ways to Thrive with Vision Loss during Uncertain Times](#)

**Title: Supporting Older Adults in Emergencies: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020

**Time:** 1:30 pm

**Details:** ACL, CDC, HRSA, and NIA are partnering to provide a new series of webinars: Focus on Aging: Federal Partners' Webinar Series. This webinar series will address important topics for public health and health care professionals, aging services organizations, the research community, and other stakeholders in aging. Each webinar will include information specific to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia, as well as their caregivers.

**Registration Link:** [Supporting Older Adults in Emergencies: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery](#)

**Title: Enhancing Partnerships to Address the Social Determinants of Health**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Details:** The Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) has partnered with Coordinated Care Alliance (CCA) on an initiative that brings together healthcare entities and community-based organizations (CBO) to enhance their collaboration. This partnership has moved the needle when it comes to addressing social determinants of health in the community, and thus meeting the whole-person needs of the individuals they serve. IHA and CCA have worked with cohorts of healthcare facilities and CBOs to increase knowledge about the underutilized services that Aging Network CBOs provide, identify patient needs in the community, discuss referral processes, review feedback systems and evaluate data exchange to improve transitions of care for individuals. This webinar will educate attendees about their program, including providing a playbook to download and use with healthcare entities and/or CBOs to implement this work locally.

**Registration Link:** [Enhancing Partnerships to Address the Social Determinants of Health](#)

**Title: Medicare Appeals**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Details:** This webinar provides an overview of the Medicare appeals process from attorneys who have extensive experience handling Medicare appeals. The program will include:

- Medicare rules and requirements;
- Helpful resources to use while preparing a Medicare appeal;
- Appeal tips to help maximize the chance of a successful appeal; and
- Case studies to illustrate the appeals process.

**Registration Link:** [Medicare Appeals](#)

**Title: Young Adult Caregivers & COVID 19: Community Care and Self-Care**

**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Details:** Join an in-depth conversation to discuss the impacts of the COVID-19 on caregivers. Many existing and new caregivers have experienced unprecedented changes that have impacted their living arrangements, increased their caregiving responsibilities, and made juggling work, childcare, and other routines more difficult. This webinar will discuss bold ideas on caregiving policy and offer young and new caregivers the tools and resources to aid their financial and mental health.

**Watch live on Facebook:** [Young Adult Caregivers & COVID 19: Community Care and Self-Care](#)

**Title: SNAP Outreach to Immigrant Seniors: Challenges and Best Practices**

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

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Details:** Millions of older adults 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.

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

**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: 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. 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 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: 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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