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COVID-19 & Aging Upcoming Webinars

Released April 24, 2020

Title: Obtaining Economic Impact Payments for Low-Income Clients

Date: Friday, April 24, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm

Details: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the government is distributing economic impact payments to individuals in the United States. This webcast, Obtaining Economic Impact Payments for Low-Income Clients, will cover who will receive these payments and current policies surrounding how low-income recipients of certain benefits, including Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and VA Disability Compensation or Veterans Pensions, can obtain them. Presenter: Kate Lang, Senior Staff Attorney, Justice in Aging Who should attend: Advocates representing low-income clients receiving Social Security or means-tested benefits including SSI, VA Disability Compensation or VA Pension benefits

Registration Link: Obtaining Economic Impact Payments for Low-Income Clients

Title: Meaning in the Time of COVID-19: Providing Meaningful Engagements for People Living with Dementia while Isolation, Quarantine and Fear Abound

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm

Details: This webinar acknowledges the extraordinary time we are living in, while striving to continue to provide quality of care and engagement for people living with dementia (PLWD). The safety of residents and staff must be the priority, but it is still possible to offer meaningful engagements in a personalized way to PLWD. Thoughtful strategies for pausing and looking at quality over quantity of experiences will be discussed. To decrease risk of spreading infection, group activities are not allowed, but examples will be given of one-on-one engagements or activities allowing for social distancing.

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Title: Older Adults and Caregiving in the Age of COVID-19

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Time: 8:00 pm

Details: Hollywood, Health & Society, in partnership with the WGAE and WGAW, will continue its series of discussions via Zoom on a variety of topics affected by COVID-19. The goal of these webinars is to provide information and access to experts in the field of public health for your personal lives, and for the projects you may be working on. This conversation centers on older adults and the challenges of caregiving during the pandemic.

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Title: Human Service Messaging During the COVID-19 Crisis

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm

Details: Human service organizations across the country are playing a uniquely challenging role as part of the nation's response to COVID-19, delivering essential services during a constantly evolving public health crisis while planning for the long-term needs that communities will face in the recovery phase. This is a complicated story to convey to policymakers, donors, and the media. In this webinar, we'll offer guidance for relying on research-based communications strategies to make a strong case for supporting human service policies and programs as the nation addresses the impact of COVID-19 on our communities and our sector.

Registration Link: <u>Human Service Messaging During the COVID-19 Crisis</u>

Title: Advice from People who have a Disability on Dealing with COVID-19

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm

Details: Hear from self-advocates and allies on how to deal with COVID-19 as they share tips and strategies on hand washing, mental health, nutrition, and exercise. Steps on how to work with personal care attendants and direct support providers will be reviewed. Be safe in your relationships - what does social distancing mean in your friendships and relationships. **Registration Link:** Advice from People who have a Disability on Dealing with COVID-19

Title: Supporting Family Caregivers of Older Adults through Times of Stress and Isolation

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020

Time: 12:00 pm

Details: This webinar will offer strategies for supporting caregivers and their loved ones, up-to-date information on facilitating access to health and social supports from which caregivers might benefit, and practical tips for addressing the specific needs of caregivers experiencing social isolation and stress-related conditions. Speakers will also include strategies that are relevant in virtual settings.

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Title: The Implications of COVID-19 on Food Insecurity: A Community Perspective

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm

Details: Hosted by Dean Tom Gregoire and Dr. Michelle Kaiser, we invite you to join us for a timely conversation on Food Insecurity. We'll discuss the definition of food insecurity and how vulnerable populations and community food security are impacted by the pandemic. You'll hear what's happening from a policy and practice perspective and how social workers can be involved to address food justice issues in your communities.

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Title: National Developments in Addressing Older Adult Malnutrition: From Research to Policies to Programs

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm

Details: Older adult malnutrition is a health crisis in America, but can be addressed through a collaborative effort of key stakeholders in aging research, policy and programs. This session reports on the latest national developments in malnutrition prevention, including the recent Government Accountability Office report on federal nutrition programs for older adults, the consideration of sarcopenia and the special nutrition needs of older adults in creating updated dietary guidelines, and the integration of malnutrition and under-nutrition screening measures into national health surveys. Participants will walk away with next steps to take to participate in and act upon these opportunities.

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Title: National Older Adults Mental Health Awareness Day 2020: Combating Social Isolation for Seniors During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm

Details: In this time of social distancing, older Americans are looking for ways to combat social isolation. Please join us for a thoughtful discussion, including practical ideas to promote connection and recovery for older adults with serious mental illness and substance use disorders, during this unprecedented time in our history.

We know that suicide, depression, anxiety, and problems with alcohol and medications are issues that older adults face. The U.S. Census Bureau indicates that by 2030, there will be nearly 75 million Americans over age 65. A 2012 study from the Institute of Medicine found that nearly one in five older Americans has one or more mental health/substance use conditions. According to 2018 data from the Center for Diseases Control and Prevention and reported by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, adults in the 75-84 and 85 and older age groups are among those with the highest rates of suicide.

Registration Link: Combating Social Isolation for Seniors During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Title: SNAP Outreach to Rural Seniors: Challenges and Best Practices

Date: Thursday, May 7, 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 rural seniors.

Registration Link: SNAP Outreach to Rural Seniors: Challenges and Best Practices

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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