Promoting Person-Centered Options for Living and Aging in Our Communities

Center on Aging and Community Living
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CACL Awarded Endowment for Health Convening Grant

The Center on Aging and Community Living has received a convening grant from the Endowment for Health titled “Convening Leaders in Long Term Care and Aging Policy.” This one year project will bring together key policymakers to address pressing issues facing the long term care system in NH and educate NH legislature on the policies and future needs of long term care services.

ADRC Enhanced Options Counseling Grant Awarded to New Hampshire

The NH Department of Health and Human Services is a recent awardee of the Administration on Community Living ADRC Enhanced Options Counseling grant. New Hampshire's one of eight recipients. The other recipients include: Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin. The goal of the grant is to strengthen and expand person-centered access to programs, which help people access long term services and supports that best meet their needs. For background visit the funding opportunity link here.

Granite State Independent Living (GSIL) Partnership Award

The Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS) was recognized by GSIL at their Annual Celebration on September 26th. The award celebrated the strong partnership that continues to grow between these organizations. Recognition was given to the many staff and programs dedicated to promoting independence and self-sufficiency for people with disabilities in NH. GSIL noted specifically the NH Community Passport project and The Nursing Home Person-Centered Transition to Community Living project. BEAS, in accepting the award, credited partnership with CACL and ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Centers, as well as GSIL in successfully meeting the needs of individuals. For more detail on The Nursing Home Person-Centered Transition to Community Living project visit this site. For information on BEAS and NH Community Passport click here.

NH Community Passport Program Receives National Recognition

The NH Community Passport Program, funded by a Money Follows the Person (MFP) federal grant, will be honored at the National...
MFP Project Directors Meeting. This award recognizes the groundbreaking backup and risk mitigation demonstration process developed in NH. This process addresses the needs of people who are leaving nursing homes in order to live independently. Methods include bringing together informal and formal supports to assist with a number of potentially unsafe situations, for example when a direct care worker does not arrive or if a participant loses power for a significant period of time. As part of this process, transition coordinators and participants perform an intensive review and develop backup plans. Learn more about MFP.

Items of Interest

- **Medicare: Home Health Compare** is an excellent tool created by Medicare.gov to help consumers find the best and most affordable care. Consumers can search hospitals, nursing homes, home health, dialysis facilities, physicians and Medicare plans and more.
- **Moving Toward Person & Family Centered Care** is a brief from the AARP Public Policy Institute that covers the concept of person- and family-centered care (PFCC) and explains how PFCC can improve care and quality of life.
- **Mental Health & Substance Use Workforce for Older Adults: In Whose Hands** is a report released by the Institute on Medicine exploring how the healthcare workforce will be impacted by an aging population in which nearly one in five older adults in America has one or more mental health and substance use conditions.
- **Older Americans 2012: Key Indicators of Well-Being** is a report released by the Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics providing a comprehensive outline of the health, finances, and well-being of our nation's older population.
- **Are we as individuals and communities ready for an aging population?** With more than 77 million baby boomers reaching 65, the National Council on Aging sought to answer this question through a national survey of 2,250 older adults.
- **Affordable Care Act** saves more than $4.1 billion on prescription drugs, according to the federal Department of Health and Human Services. Seniors in the “donut hole” have saved an average of $768.
- **The Conversation Project** is a new public campaign to promote end-of-life discussions among family and friends. The campaign is a movement designed to shift discussion from one that rarely delves into the process of dying to one that has a healthy, open dialogue about end-of-life experiences.

Events & Professional Development Trainings

- **CAACL brings you: Navigating Choice and Change in Later Life - Frameworks for Implementing Person-Centered Planning** on November 1. Click here to register.
- **CAACL presents Picture This! a training on graphic facilitation skills for December?** Click here for more information.
- **The New Hampshire Public Health Association’s 2012 Fall Forum, NH’s Public Health in Action: Innovation in an Evolving Primary & Public Health Care System, will be held on November 1.** Visit NHPHA’s site for more details.
Register for the October 13th Third Annual Jeanne Anderson Alzheimer's Conference hosted by the Northern New England Geriatric Education Center (NNGEC). [Click here](#) for information.

Are you a caregiver? If so, check out The Coalition for Caring Conference, which will take place on November 7. For more information, visit their [event page](#).