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Happy Older Americans Month!

This year's theme, *Get into the Act*, celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act (OAA). Along with the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, we're planning a week of advocacy actions starting May 18. Watch here for details next week.

[Understand the OAA](#) | [Get ideas to celebrate this month](#)

Congressional Republicans approve budget blueprint

The Majority Republican leadership in Congress reached an agreement on an FY16 budget resolution that sets up a blueprint for annual appropriations. What does it mean for programs that serve older adults?

[See our summary](#)

Recap: NCOA Falls Prevention Summit

Last week's summit, an official White House Conference on Aging event, was a success! Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee highlighted the personal impact that falls have on the lives of older Americans and the significance of the words, "She fell." The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released new data on falls, as well as a new resource: *Preventing Falls: A Guide to Implementing Effective Community-Based Fall Prevention Programs*. The purpose of the summit was to update the Falls Free® National Action Plan. If you missed the event, read our recap on Twitter! NCOA wishes to thank its event supporters: Walmart and Archstone Foundation.

[Get CDC data and resources](#) | [Read our Twitter recap](#)

Add your voice: Long-term services and supports

The White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) has released a new policy brief on long-term services and supports (LTSS), a key focus area of the upcoming conference. The brief reviews informal caregiving, formal services and supports,

direct care workers, access to information and services, and financing LTSS. You're encouraged to comment and share your feedback.

Read and comment

Call for promising practices in family caregiver support

Do you know of a successful local, state, or national program that supports family caregivers of individuals with disabilities and/or seniors? If so, tell us about it! The Family Support Research and Training Center, which NCOA co-leads with the University of Illinois at Chicago, is doing a national search to identify promising practices and programs. We will share what we learn with aging and disability advocates across the country.

Nominate a promising practice

Coming up ...

- **Strong Brains, Sharp Minds – Part II** : Explore inexpensive, community-based programs that promote brain-friendly choices and opportunities for seniors and caregivers. *May 7 @ 1:30 p.m. ET*
- **Building Community Partnerships with the VA** : Discover an innovative partnership that connects rural veterans to counseling, information, and referral for VA and community services and benefits. *May 19 @ 3 p.m. ET*

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