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**Just released! Funding to help seniors enroll in SNAP**

We've just released the Request for Proposals for our initiative to help seniors enroll in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). We're seeking proposals from community-based organizations in two competitive categories (\$25,000 and \$50,000). Optional Letters of Intent are due Feb. 13, and applications are due March 6.

[Get the details](#)

**NCOA to co-chair committee on HCBS quality measures**

Joe Caldwell, NCOA Director of Long-Term Services and Supports Policy, was selected to co-chair a new National Quality Forum Committee on Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) quality measures. The committee includes experts from the aging and disability networks, consumers, providers, and health plans. It will develop a framework for HCBS quality, assess current measures, identify gaps, and make recommendations. This effort is intended to improve outcomes for individuals who receive care at home.

[Learn more](#) | [See who else is on the committee](#)

**LGBT aging photo contest begins!**

What does healthy LGBT aging look like to you? Enter our photo contest by March 13, and you could win an Amazon gift card and have your story featured online. NCOA's National Institute of Senior Centers and SAGE's National Resource Center on LGBT Aging are looking for photos that exemplify what it is to be an aging lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender person. Photos will be judged on how well they capture the beauty, fun, and diversity of LGBT aging.

[Find out how to enter](#) | [See contest guidelines](#)

**See which senior centers made the list in 2014**

Accreditation is a great way for senior centers to improve their operations today—and position themselves for the future. Last year, 32 centers from 11 states earned National Senior Center Accreditation from NCOA's National Institute of Senior Centers. See what these exemplary senior centers have to offer.

[Meet the centers](#) | [See why it pays to get accredited](#)

### **White House Conference on Aging announces 5 regional forums**

Leading up to this summer's 2015 White House Conference on Aging, there will be five regional forums in the following cities: Tampa, Feb. 19; Phoenix, March 31; Seattle, April 9; Cleveland, April 27; and Boston, May 28. The forums will gather input from people around the country on key issues facing older adults.

[Read more](#) | [Get involved in the WHCOA](#)

### *Coming up ...*

- [Benefits University: Understanding the “Terms of Art” of the Applications](#) : Learn common definitions and rules associated with benefits applications.  
*Jan. 28 @ 3 p.m. ET*

### *Did you miss this?*

- [5 Ways Congress Can Support Seniors in 2015](#) : See our list of top issues for lawmakers this year.
- [Aging in America Conference](#) : Save \$50 if you register for the 2015 Aging in America Conference by Jan. 31; use the discount code GIA10.

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