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Use Older Americans Month to educate and advocate

May is Older Americans Month, and the Administration for Community Living is recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act (OAA) with the theme *Get into the Act!* Use this opportunity to educate your community, the media, and your elected officials about how the OAA helps seniors stay independent. Congress is in recess May 23-30—a great time to invite your lawmakers to see the OAA in action at your organization.

[Get OAM materials](#) | [Plan a Congressional event](#) | [Learn more about OAA](#)

Medicare bill a victory for low-income seniors

Last week, President Obama signed a bill that offers critical protections for our nation's most vulnerable seniors with Medicare. The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act makes the Qualifying Individual (QI) program permanent and expands resources for community-based organizations to conduct benefits outreach and enrollment.

[Get more details](#)

Webinar: Understanding and changing the way Americans think about aging

Do aging experts and the U.S. public share a common understanding of aging in America? Find out at a free webinar on May 5. Explore research by The FrameWorks Institute that was commissioned by a group of eight national aging organizations, including NCOA.

[Register](#) | [Read the report](#)

News from the WHCOA

On April 23, the White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) is hosting a webinar on retirement security, one of the key issues for this year's event. Experts will discuss best practices to help ensure greater opportunity and ability to enjoy a

financially secure retirement. Also, check out the recap of the recent WHCOA Phoenix and Seattle regional forums.

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Spark change for hungry seniors

Every year, 7 million older adults get help from Feeding America's network of food banks. You can spark change in the lives of seniors facing hunger. Just take a picture of six friends who are committed to fighting hunger and post it on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram with the hashtag #WeSparkChange, and Walmart will donate \$10 to Feeding America up to \$1.5 million.

[Join the movement](#)

Coming up ...

- **Unlocking the Door to Veterans Benefits** : Discover the kinds of veterans' benefits and how they work with Medicare. *April 28 @ 3 p.m. ET*
- **Strong Brains, Sharp Minds – Part II** : Discover how to offer practical, low-cost brain health programs for seniors and caregivers in your community. *May 7 @ 1:30 p.m. ET*

Did you miss this?

- **Budgeting in 3 Minutes** : April is Financial Literacy Month! Share our free budgeting tool on EconomicCheckUp®.
- **Winners: Healthy LGBT Aging Photo Contest** : See which photos rose to the top out of 60+ entries from all over the world.

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