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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Farmers' Market Vouchers Available for Seniors**

Several counties will be issuing senior farmers' market nutrition coupons to low-income individuals age 60 and older that may be used to purchase fresh produce at local participating farmers' markets. Each eligible person will receive \$25 worth of coupons that may be used at participating markets from June through Oct. 15. Contact the South Carolina Department of Social Services at (803) 898-0973 for a listing of Local Agencies and participating counties.

### **South Carolina State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Draft available for Public Comment**

The full draft of the State Plan for Independent Living can be found [here](#). Public comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2016. The SC SPIL 2017-2019 will be submitted to the Administration on Community Living (ACL) by June 30, 2016. Once it is submitted, the updated draft of the SPIL will be posted on SC Statewide Independent Living Council's webpage.

### **Tri-county Community Health Needs Assessment**

This survey is part of Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) conducted by Roper St. Francis Healthcare, MUSC, and Trident United Way in conjunction with a variety of community organizations. Data from this survey will help health care providers and community organizations improve the overall health and wellness of our community.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## EVENTS

### **Aging Gracefully Conference: July 29, 2016**

The S.C. Medical Association in conjunction with the S.C. Coalition for the Seriously Ill, Roper St. Francis, and All About Seniors will hold the annual Aging Gracefully Conference on **Friday, July 29 in Charleston at the Trident Technical College campus**. The Aging Gracefully conference is dedicated to bringing information regarding the various issues faced by the aging adult through education and preparation. [Click here for registration information.](#)

### **School to Prison Pipeline: Seminar About Students with Disabilities: June 24, 2016**

This seminar will provide a general overview of IDEA as well as how schools should be responding to the behaviors of students with disabilities under IDEA, information about behaviors of students with disabilities, and practical points about legal representation and SRO's. This seminar is being presented by Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc., Children's Law Center, and South Carolina Legal Services. [Click here for registration information and the seminar agenda.](#)

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**H.3768** - SC Able Savings Program: Act No. 165

**H.3999** - Healthcare Decisions: Ratified R. 258

**H.5021** - Adult Students with Disabilities Education Rights Consent Act: Ratified R. 278

**S.777** - Veteran's Affairs: Enrolled for ratification (June 2)

**S.778** - SC Uniform Power of Attorney Act: Enrolled for ratification (June 2)

**S.908** - SC Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act: Ratified R 226

## FREE LEGAL CLINICS

The South Carolina Bar sponsors free legal clinics around the state focusing on the following topics: Elder Law; End of Life Issues; Senior Issues; Powers of Attorney; Wills, Estates and Probate; and Senior Scams. You can find the schedule [here](#). For more information about the clinics, or to schedule a clinic for your organization, contact Debbie Morris at [debbie.morris@schar.org](mailto:debbie.morris@schar.org).

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