



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Gerontology T-shirts are here!

We have sizes Small through XX-Large. The price is \$15.00 a shirt and an extra \$5.00 if you need the shirt mailed. We will accept payment by cash, money order, or check (in that order). Please e-mail your order to Amanda May at almay@uncg.edu and she will respond with information about payment and shirt pick-up. (Please put T-SHIRT in the subject line)

Upcoming GRN "Lunch and Learn" Series *Flyer Attached*

-Tuesday, Feb 2, Community Aging Services of Eastern Africa presented by Dr. Suda Shreeniwas of the UNCG Human Development & Family Studies program

-Friday, February 26, 2010 when Bob Wallace of the University of Iowa presents the NIH Health and Retirement Study and Multidisciplinary Team Building.

-Visit www.geroresearch.uncg.edu for additional details.

LOCAL

Community Resource Connections comes to Guilford County By: Lorrie Z. Roth

-The NC Community Resource Connections for Aging and Disabilities, now simply called CRC, is a statewide initiative to create a coordinated system of access to information for all people seeking long-term support and services. Its purpose is to create a highly visible and trusted resource for information on the full range of service and supports available to the frail, the aging and the adult disabled. The Piedmont Triad CRC is taking a "no wrong door" approach to these vital services. When completely operable, consumers encounter seamless access to needed information no matter where they access the support system.

-Through community collaboration, three partners: DSS Division of Aging and Adult Services, Joy A. Shabazz Center for Independent Living and Senior Resources of Guilford are building on the existing community infrastructure in order to support individuals of all disabilities and incomes. The goal is to help these consumers make informed, cost-effective choices regarding needed services. In the process the goal is to minimize confusion, enhance choice and support future planning.

-There are three main functions of the Piedmont Triad CRC. First is awareness and information through public education and dissemination of quality information about long-term service and support options. Second is enhanced assistance or helping the consumers to utilize options like benefits counseling, employment counseling and planning for future long-term services to determine and satisfy each consumer's needs. And last, but most important, is streamlined access to needed services. This will be accomplished through facilitation of programmatic and financial eligibility determination, assistance in gaining access to private pay services as well as uniform access to all public programs. Integrated access also means streamlined eligibility, so timelines can be shortened and services delivered sooner to those in need.

-Through the effective use of technology Piedmont Triad CRC will be able to provide streamlined access for the consumer. There will be availability of web-based databases, decision support tools, information exchange and standard software across CRC partners. This will make it easier for consumers to understand their options and plan for their needs. It will also allow for uniformity and better coordination therefore eliminating unnecessary steps. There will be more focus on the appropriate setting for services and support and providers can be more responsive to the needs of consumers as they change over time.

-The three key players in the Piedmont Triad CRC recognize that they are a part of a paradigm shift in the manner in which a consumer or family accesses long-term service and supports. The hope is that Guilford County will not just be a great place to live in, but a great place to grow older in as well.

-The PT CRC launched formally on November 16, 2009.

STATE

Friends of Residents in LTC 2nd Annual Gingerbread House Party *Form included*

- The Gingerbread House Party (GHP) is a fundraiser for Friends of Residents in Long Term Care. The GHP will be an opportunity for children, ages 3-10, to have a memory making experience decorating a personal (or family) gingerbread house. For a \$25 donation, one gingerbread house, icing and candy will be provided. Please feel free to bring your child's favorite candy too. The GHP will be led by Helen Savage, an experienced gingerbread house builder and decorator. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate. -
- Only 25 houses are available.
- Gather your little ones, aged 3 - 10 for GREAT holiday fun--a chance for parents and grandparents (or just friends) to bond with children in what can only be called a memorable childhood moment!!!!
- When: Saturday, December 12th from 10 a.m. to Noon
- Where: Multipurpose Room, Residential Health Unit, Glenaire Retirement Community, 4000 Glenaire Circle, Cary
- Cost: \$25/House. Proceeds benefit Friends of Residents in Long Term Care. Reserve your child's house today.

UNC- IOA Aging Workforce Interest Group Announcement

- On *Tuesday, December 15 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.* **Workforce Issues in Library and Information Science: Case Study of an Aging Profession (Wilis I and II)** presented by Joanne Marshall, Professor of Library & Information Science and Senior Research Scientist, IOA; Victor Marshall, Professor of Sociology and Senior Research Scientist, IOA; Jennifer Craft Morgan, Associate Director for Research, IOA; Susan Rathbun-Grubb, Research Scientist, IOA; and Brandy Farrar, Graduate Research Assistant, IOA.
- On *Tuesday, January 19, 2010 from 1 to 2:30 P.M.* **Research Findings related to Older, Experienced Registered Nurses in NC: Challenges and Opportunities** presented by Dennis Sherrod, Professor and Forsyth Medical Center Chair of Recruitment and Retention, School of Health Sciences, Winston-Salem State University; Connie Mullinix, Associate Professor, MSN-Leadership Concentration, College of Nursing, East Carolina University; and Janet Moye, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow and Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, East Carolina University.
- SAVE THE DATE:** On *Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.* we welcome Annette A. Byrd, Manager Global Flexibility and Performance and Reecie M. Dolan, Communications Project Coordinator, both at GlaxoSmithKline. Ms. Byrd and Dolan will focus on GSK policies and practices involving mature workers and on communications between generations in the workplace.
- For questions about the programs and to reserve a seat please contact: pstein@schr.unc.edu OR 919-966-6818.

TimeSlips Training Workshop in North East North Carolina!

- TimeSlips is an innovative and effective group storytelling method that helps people with dementia reaffirm their humanity and connect with staff, family and friends. The method replaces the pressure to remember with the encouragement to imagine. Facilitators guide the storytelling session by asking open-ended questions, listening intently, writing down all responses, and weaving them together by repeating the story as it grows. The method values the unique voice of individual participants, their heritage, perspective, and present level of ability.
- WHERE: Katheryn Elizabeth Chavers Adult Day Health Center, 105 Commerce St., Powellsville, NC 27967
- WHEN: Friday, February 19, 2010 Check-in from 9am to 10am (to allow for travel) followed by the Training from 10am to 4pm
- REGISTRATION: **Deadline February 11, 2010** FEE: \$70 first registrant, \$50 for additional registrants from same organization
Credit Card Online: https://www.easyreg.org/cgi-bin/easyreg/registrationdbase/BA1ELXL4YF/displayForm.pl?U6P32AS8_2010
By Check: Fill out the registration form online at the link above and select "pay by check". You will receive an email with payment instructions.
- PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN: TimeSlips storytelling method for people with dementia, the importance of creative expression, the value of the person-centered care approach, and models for sharing the stories with your community
- PRESENTER: Ellen Cosby, Board of Directors, Center for Creative Aging-NC
- LODGING CLOSEST TO POWELLSVILLE is about 10 minutes away in Ahoskie and is called the Ahoskie Inn, (252) 332-4165.
- QUESTIONS: Lia Miller 336-253-0856 or lia@cca-nc.org; Center for Creative Aging NC visit us online at www.cca-nc.org.