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## NEWS - LOCAL

### **Presentation: "Alzheimer's from the Inside Out". \*Handouts Attached\***

On Wednesday, September 29th, 2010 from 5:00-6:30pm at the Virginia Dare Room in the Alumni House of UNCG, 404 College Avenue, Greensboro, NC, phone number (336) 334-5696. Attendance is Free.

Presented by Richard Taylor, Ph.D., a former psychologist has lived in Houston, TX with the diagnosis of dementia probably of the Alzheimer's type for the past seven years. His goal is to create a supportive community where accurate information about Alzheimer's Disease is shared and actions are taken to improve the dignity and quality of life for people who are affected by dementia. The goal is to change the way that individuals, countries, and the world view and respond to dementia.

Free and open to the community and campus. Park in Oakland Deck. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated. RSVP (only if you DO plan to attend) to Lori Kerr at [lakerr@uncg.edu](mailto:lakerr@uncg.edu), or at (336) 256-1020.

### **Speaker: Healing Power of Relationships \*Flyer Attached\***

On Tuesday, October 5th, 2010 at 7:30pm in Dana Auditorium, Guilford College Campus.

Admission is \$10 unless CEU is desired (0.15 awarded), which requires an additional \$10 fee/person.

Hosted by Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro as a special event for its 30th Anniversary in existence.

Speaker is medical ethicist Larry R. Churchill, Ph.D. of Vanderbilt University.

At conclusion of presentation, participants will be able to:

- Discuss information gathered from clinician interviews
- Explore in detail why some patient interactions fail and others succeed
- Develop a model of healing to guide future interactions with health care providers

For more information, please visit [www.hospicegso.org](http://www.hospicegso.org) or see attached handout.

### **safeTalk—Suicide Awareness Training \*Handout Attached\***

On Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 1pm-4pm at Greensboro Central Library, 219 N. Church Street, Greensboro, NC. Free and open to the public.

Hosted by The Mental Health Association in Greensboro, it is a 3-hour suicide prevention that can be scheduled at any school, business, or organization.

The objectives of "safeTALK" are as follows:

- Challenge attitudes that inhibit open talk about suicide
- Recognize a person who may be having thoughts of suicide
- Engage them in direct and open talk about suicide
- Listen to their feelings about suicide to show they are being taken seriously.
- Move quickly to connect them with someone trained in suicide prevention

Trainings are free through the support of Moses Cone-Wesley Long Community Health Foundation.

For more information or to schedule a safeTALK program, contact Jamie Stephens at [jstephens@mhag.org](mailto:jstephens@mhag.org).



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## **Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities—Open House and Learning Event**

Thursday, October 7, 2010 from 5-7 pm at Morningview Assisted Living on 3200 N. Elm Street in Greensboro. Wine and cheese will be served. Free and open to the public.

A brief presentation will be around 5:30 pm regarding the Greensboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities programs and activities. Come and learn about the committee, which provides services for Greensboro-area residents with disabilities, and see how you can become involved! For more information, please contact Donna Gray at 373-2723 or visit the website: <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/citygovernment/gmc>.

## **UNCG Student Workshop: How to Be Successful in Getting Published.**

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 12:00-1:30pm in the Dogwood Room, Elliot University Center, UNCG campus. Presented by Dr. James Peterson, Dean of UNCG Graduate School. For more information, please contact Cat Collins, the Executive Assistant to the Dean, at (336) 334 5375, or [cecolli2@uncg.edu](mailto:cecolli2@uncg.edu). To register, visit this website: <http://www.uncg.edu/grs/current/workshopforum.html>.

## **Aging Boot Camp. \*Flyer Attached\***

On Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am to 4:30pm, and on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Lunch and refreshment are included in the registration fee.

Hosted by The North Carolina Association on Aging, it is a popular orientation program that is most appropriate for brand new employees in the aging network, or for others interested in a basic understanding of aging issues and services.

Registration for Association Members is \$60, for non-members it is \$75.

Registration forms need to be received at PO Box 10341, Raleigh, NC 27605-0341 by October 29<sup>th</sup>. Register early to assure your place; only 30 slots are available. If you plan to register and bring your registration fee to the Boot Camp, please indicate this on the registration form. Faxing registration forms is discouraged because we cannot guarantee they have been received; however, you may email an electronic version of the registration form to: [bill\\_lamb@unc.edu](mailto:bill_lamb@unc.edu).

## **Job Opportunity: Carol Woods Life Enrichment Facilitator**

The Life Enrichment Facilitator improves the quality of life of residents in Assisted Living and the Health Center by facilitating opportunity for meaningful engagement and creating an environment to support it. This role is responsible for assessing residents' individualized interests, abilities and needs for satisfying participation in meaningful, enjoyable activities, writing a plan to meet these needs, and implementing and evaluating the plan. In addition, this individual designs and facilitates group activities and coordinates volunteers. Must be willing to care for and work with pets and plants and to facilitate intergenerational activities. Activities Director/Professional, Recreation Therapy, Occupation Therapy, or related training/experience required.



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## NEWS – STATE

### **IOA Weekly Seminar: “Financial Stress and Strain At the End of Life.”**

Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00pm at 720 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill, Suite 200, 2nd floor conference room. Presented by John Cagle, PhD., Carolina Program in Health and Aging Research Postdoctoral Fellow, UNC Institute on Aging.

Seminars are free and open to all. Parking is available right outside our building-see 2nd floor receptionist for visitor permit. For more information, contact Diane Wurzinger at (919) 843-2647 or at [diane\\_wurzinger@unc.edu](mailto:diane_wurzinger@unc.edu).

### **Governor’s Conference on Aging: InfoSocial for Students and Aging Professionals \*Flyer Attached\***

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:45pm-7:00pm in the Royal Room of the Sheraton-Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park, 4700 Emperor Blvd, Durham, NC.

Held during the middle of the Governor’s Conference, this event was created to allow students and other aging professionals who are interested in aging to meet professionals currently working in the field in an informal and relaxed environment.

Free and open to all, people do not have to register for the entire conference to attend the InfoSocial. If you would like to learn more about the Conference, please visit <http://www.aging.unc.edu/nccoa>.

### **Advance Care Planning Clinics \*Handout attached\***

From September 16-December 16, intermittently, in Winston-Salem, Mocksville, Salisbury, and Kernersville, NC. Hosted by The Community Partnership for End of Life Care, a program of Hospice and Palliative CareCenter. Free and open to all. Topics covered will include advance care planning process, living wills, and health care power of attorney, with free handouts for every clinic.

For more information, visit [http://www.hospicecarecenter.org/news\\_details.aspx?id=29](http://www.hospicecarecenter.org/news_details.aspx?id=29), or please call The Community Partnership for End of Life Care at (336) 768-6157, extension 1622. To reserve a seat, please call the number listed for your session.

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## NEWS – NATIONAL

### **AHRQ Web Conference on Comparative Research \*Newsletter Attached\***

On October 12th from 2:00-3:30pm on the Web.

Listed in Issue 293 of the newsletter for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Conference is based on the Effective Health Care (EHC) Program, and is a free Web conference called "Integrating Comparative Effectiveness Research into Everyday Practice." It addresses comparative effectiveness research, which has emerged as a critical element of health care improvement, and compares drugs, medical devices, tests, surgeries, or ways to deliver health care. See the attached newsletter for online registration information, or visit <http://www.meetview.com/ahrq20101012/>.



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## Universal Design Summit 4 in St. Louis

On October 10-12, 2010 in St. Louis, Missouri at the Busch Conference/Student Center, it is titled "Creating Livable Homes & Communities." It is North America's only conference focused exclusively on inclusive housing that is usable by everyone, but especially by people with disabilities and older adults, whose abilities may differ from those of the public.

The goal of this summit is to work towards creating community integration and participation while enhancing the independence of all people at home and during their daily lives.

It is open to all public health professionals, but especially to architects, designers, developers, builders / contractors, design students, non-profit housing organizations, and code officials.

For more information, please visit <http://uds4.org> or call the Information Desk at (314) 977-2820.

CEU's are confirmed for

- **NAHB** [This program meets NAHB's continuing education requirements for the following designations: Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist (CAPS) , Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) , Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) , Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) , Graduate Master Builder (GMB) , Graduate Master Remodeler (GMR)]
- **ASLA** American Society of Landscape Architects
- **LACES** Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System
- **AIA** American Institute of Architects
- **IDCEC** Interior Design Continuing Education Council
- **IIDA** International Interior Design Association
- **AOTA** American Occupational Therapy Association.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Three New Jobs Are Available

The Division of Vocational Rehab, Independent Living program is now hiring for 3 positions in their Wilmington, Greensboro, and Asheville offices.

One position in each of these offices is now available for a Human Services Coordinator.

Closing date is September 30th.

For a brief description, application instructions or contact person for questions visit:

<http://www.osp.state.nc.us/tempsolu/jobs.htm>.

### Life Wise/Money Habitudes \*Handout Attached\*

Created by Syble Solomon after her graduation from the Gerontology Program at UNCG, it is a tool that helps people to discover their relationship with money and how it affects their lives and financial goals. While it can be utilized by any generation, Mrs. Solomon has found it especially useful for older adults, who may have difficulty with finances that they are suddenly responsible for due to family member's death or illness, or a new divorce or relationship at an older age. In summary, Money Habitudes is a game-like activity that helps people talk about the difficult topic of money—and do it in a fun, nonjudgmental and constructive way.

### World Alzheimer's Day—August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

One of the most popular methods of raising awareness and money for the fight against Alzheimer's Disease is through Memory Walks, which can be done year-round. Although World Alzheimer's Day will have passed by the time that you receive this Newsletter, here is more information about Memory Walks: to find one in your area visit [http://www.alz.org/northcarolina/in\\_my\\_community\\_memorywalk.asp](http://www.alz.org/northcarolina/in_my_community_memorywalk.asp), contact Becca Carpenter at (704) 532-7373 or [becca.carpenter@alz.org](mailto:becca.carpenter@alz.org). For more information about Alzheimer's Disease, visit <http://www.actionalz.org/>.

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## **Aging Means Good Business forum—Student Ad Contest \*Flyer Attached.\***

Aging Means Good Business one-day forum at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting conference on November 18-23rd in New Orleans.

The focus of this contest is for students to research the best methods of targeting adults aged 50+ and then design an original print advertisement.

Mailed entries must be received by the GSA in Washington, DC, by October 15th.

The contest info can be found here (as well as in the links below):

<http://www.geron.org/Annual%20Meeting/aging-means-business/student-ad-contest>.

For more information, please contact Dani Kaiserman at [dkaiserman@agingsociety.org](mailto:dkaiserman@agingsociety.org) or at (202) 587-2847.

## **September: "Healthy Aging Month."**

Just because an adult is now an "elder" does not mean that his or her life is over.

For more information, please visit <http://www.healthyaging.net/events.htm>. Even though the information from this website is listed as from 2009, there are still many helpful ideas for promoting this focus of "healthy aging."

## **2010 National Adult Day Services Week and 2010 Aging Active Week**

Celebrated on September 19-25, 2010

Promoted by the "International Council on Active Aging" and the "National Adult Day Care Services Association."

The third complete week of September is set aside each year to raise awareness of the availability and accessibility of adult day programs nationwide. For more information visit

<http://www.nadsa.org/content/index.php?pid=155>.

There are Active Aging Week locations throughout the nation, and all businesses that cater to older adults are encouraged to offer any activities that are delivered in a fun, no-pressure atmosphere, are educational, and that are free to participants so that cost is not a barrier. For more information, and ideas for hosting an Aging Active Week event, please visit <http://www.icaa.cc/aaw.htm>.

## **2010 Falls Prevention Awareness Day**

Held on the first day of fall, September 23rd, 2010. There are 35 states in the USA who recognize this day, including North Carolina. The purpose of this day is to promote and educate the public on the prevention and reduction of falls for older adults. For more information, please visit

<http://www.healthyagingprograms.org/content.asp?sectionid=149>.

## **Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) Featured Profile: Fall Prevention Awareness.**

The profile, titled "Get Some Balance in Your Life: Falls Prevention Awareness," features Irene Lee of Hillsborough, NC. It is the second of three profiles that focus on fall prevention, which is a critical issue, since falls are the leading national cause of doctor visits, hospital and nursing home admissions, and emergency room visits as well as the leading cause of injury deaths among people aged 65 and older in the USA.

North Carolina has a Falls Prevention Awareness Week from September 19-25, 2010.

To access more information, visit [www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/News/DAAS\\_News.htm](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/News/DAAS_News.htm). You can also go to the DAAS homepage: [www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/index.htm](http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/index.htm) and click on the icon on the right-side of the webpage.

## **National Council on Aging**

In this website is an abundance of information on successful senior centers, advocacy and research for older adults, national conferences on aging, promoting independence and dignity, enhancing financial stability and understanding, and improving health, among others. For more information, please visit <http://www.ncoa.org>.

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