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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Free CEUs for Nursing Home Administrators, Nurses, and Social Workers \*Flyer Attached\***

Date: January 14th 1-3 p.m.

The attached brochure provides the details to register for a free webinar sponsored by the American Therapeutic Recreation Association.

It is not too late to register! Please share with agencies and colleagues that might be interested in this free continuing education session.

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## NEWS - LOCAL

**Job Opportunity:** An executive director at Brookdale Senior Living in Chapel Hill, NC.

[http://www.jobtarget.com/c/job.cfm?vnet=0&t730=&max=25&t732=&site\\_id=739&t731=&t735=&job=7498377](http://www.jobtarget.com/c/job.cfm?vnet=0&t730=&max=25&t732=&site_id=739&t731=&t735=&job=7498377).

### **Job Opening**

Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman at Central Carolina (Centralina) Council of Governments.

Centralina's Area Agency on Aging (AAA) seeks a Regional Ombudsman to advocate for residents in long term care and assisted living facilities by: providing information about resident rights and available resources; identifying and investigating complaints made by or on behalf of residents; and assuring residents receive fair treatment from service providers.

Individual must possess skills in mediation and negotiation and be able to work cooperatively with AAA staff, residents, families, facility personnel, etc. Individual must also possess the ability to conduct training and workshops in large group settings as well as work one on one with older and/or disabled adults, in a variety of settings. Requires excellent oral and written communication and organizational skills, attention to detail, and the ability to multitask and manage multiple and simultaneous priorities. Requires Bachelor's degree with coursework in gerontology, human services, or related field and moderate experience in long term health care, human or social services and aging programs; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Hiring salary: \$41,000; excellent benefits.

Mail cover letter and résumé to:

CCOG—Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman

Attn: Venecia Rock, HR Coordinator

525 North Tryon Street, 12th Floor

Charlotte, NC 28202

Deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2011. CCOG is an equal opportunity employer.

For more information on Centralina Council of Governments, visit: [www.centralina.org](http://www.centralina.org)



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## **Recognizing and Understanding Early Signs of Dementia**

The Developmental Disabilities Training Institute, in partnership with Support Works, Inc., are very pleased to offer Planning for Changes that Come with Aging and Developmental Disabilities: Recognizing and Understanding Early Signs of Dementia. DDTI would also like to thank Alzheimer's, NC for their generous support of this event. For more information and resources about Alzheimer's, go to: [www.alznc.org](http://www.alznc.org).

In general, people are living longer due to advances in medical care and treatment. Likewise, the life expectancy of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities has increased significantly in the past decade. With increased life expectancy comes the risk of developing diseases of advanced age such as dementia. Education is critical to ensure that individuals receive the highest quality of care. Both professional and family caregivers need the knowledge and tools to handle the challenges that this disease will bring.

Date: Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Check-in will begin 45 minutes before the training start time.

Registration fee:

By 1/19/2011: \$20.00. After 1/19/2011: \$30.00

Location:

Hayes Barton United Methodist Church. 2209 Fairview Rd. Raleigh, NC 27608

Click on the following link to register online:

[https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event\\_page.aspx?ek=0060-0003-bfa04c529ac64064a995c801d4d623ba](https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0060-0003-bfa04c529ac64064a995c801d4d623ba)

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Cunningham at 919-843-9224 or [cunningm@email.unc.edu](mailto:cunningm@email.unc.edu)

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## NEWS - STATE

### **Caregiver Support Group Facilitator Training Session \*Form Attached\***

Location: In Winston Salem at the Elizabeth & Tab Williams Adult Day Center

Date: February 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 from 9am-4pm.

This is a newly developed training program, so they strongly encourage all current facilitators to attend even if you have attended a past training. If you are a prospective facilitator this is a mandatory training that will equip you to begin your Caregiver Support Group. The class will provide valuable information on Alzheimer's and dementia, Alzheimer's Association standards for holding Caregiver Support Groups, the role of the facilitator and understanding important points of the "group process" for leading a successful group. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided. Space is limited so please RSVP ASAP!

If you plan to attend February 1<sup>st</sup>, please RSVP by filling out the form that is attached to this newsletter and either faxing or emailing it to: Emily Jones at [Emily.jones@alz.org](mailto:Emily.jones@alz.org) or (fax) 704-532-5421.

If you are unable to fax or email, please RSVP by phone at (704) 532-7390.

If you are unable to attend the February 1<sup>st</sup> training, but would like to be notified when upcoming opportunities are scheduled, please let Emily know.



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## **Program on Diversity in Older and Disabled Adults: Connecting the Pieces**

Date: February 11, 2011

Location: the International Civil Rights Museum in downtown Greensboro.

For more information, please contact Blair Barton-Percival, the Assistant Director—Area Agency on Aging, at (336) 294-4950 or [www.ptcog.org](http://www.ptcog.org).

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## NEWS - NATIONAL

### **Annual Conference of the American Society on Aging**

<http://www.agingconference.org/AiA11/index.cfm>.

Aging in America, the 2011 Annual Conference of the American Society on Aging takes place on April 26–30, 2011 in San Francisco, CA. The ASA Conference, with more than 3,000 attendees, is recognized as a showcase for programs and projects that can be replicated, a forum for policy discussion and advocacy, and a prime source of information on new research findings in aging. It is the largest gathering of a diverse, multidisciplinary community of professionals from the fields of aging, healthcare and education, along with business leaders from across the United States.

The conference will open with a general session that addresses our most valued services for older adults. Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will provide an update on current Administration on Aging plans to advance the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. She will also touch upon the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and what that means to us in our work with older adults. Barbara Kennelly, president and CEO of The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare will discuss the future of Social Security and Medicare.

The early rate ends February 15. [Click here](#) to download a PDF of the conference announcement.

To request a hardcopy of the conference announcement [click here](#).

To learn more about American Society on Aging, visit [www.asaging.org](http://www.asaging.org).

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Labyrinth Walk Hosted by Hospice and Palliative Care Center**

Please [click here](#) to view or print a flyer

Date: January 18-23.

Walking the labyrinth can bring opportunities for quieting the mind, releasing what is no longer needed and gaining insight or gifts to carry forward.

The labyrinth will be open to the public at designated times on January 19, 20, 21, and 23. A new offering for 2011 is "Comfort for the Grief Journey," a labyrinth workshop designed for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. We have also extended our labyrinth hours to include a Sunday afternoon walk on January 23. For more information please read the flyer or contact Katie L. Cyre, MS, MT-BC at (336) 331-1331.

### **Richard Taylor: A Professional on Dementia**

Dr. Richard Taylor came to speak at UNCG last fall about his diagnosis of dementia and his work to increase the knowledge and research of dementia by people in the United States. It was one of the best presentations that Sarah Johnson, this newsletter's author, has ever been able to attend.

If anyone wants to receive more information about Dr. Richard Taylor's work with dementia or what they can do to help, he sends out a periodic newsletter, which you can sign up for by visiting his website at <http://www.richardtaylorphd.com>.

### **Older Adults: Do You Have Concerns About Falling? \*Flyer Attached\***

The School of Health and Human Performance at UNCG and Guilford County Emergency Services have worked together to create an award-winning program called A Matter of Balance for older adults who experience concerns about falling which restrict their activities.

Location: Gateway University Research Park, 5900 Summit Ave, Board Room. Browns Summit, NC 27214.

Time and Cost: Tuesdays from 3/15-5/3 (8 weeks) 2 hours per class from 9:30-11:30 am.

Program fee is \$10

For more information please call (336) 217-5120.



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### ***DHSR Penalty Review Committee to Meet 1/13/11***

Proposed administrative penalties against facilities for violations of adult care home licensure rules and Residents' Rights ([G.S. 131D-21](#)  Link goes outside of N.C. DHHS.) will be reviewed in order to make recommendations regarding the proposed penalty amounts to the Division of Health Service Regulation.

The Division of Health Service Regulation Penalty Review Committee meets in Room 201 of the Division of Health Service Regulation [Council Building](#), 701 Barbour Drive, on the [Dorothea Dix Campus](#) in Raleigh, North Carolina. The next meeting is on [January 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.](#)

Facility	County	Type	License Number	Capacity
<a href="#">Lawndale Manor</a>	Wake	A	HAL-092-017	62
<a href="#">Brookridge Assisted Living</a>	Wake	A	HAL-091-146	55
<a href="#">The Vintage Inn</a>	Martin	A	HAL-058-010	122
<a href="#">St. Mary's Assisted Living of Red Springs</a>	Robeson	A	HAL-078-071	63
<a href="#">L&amp;S Family Care Home</a>	Robeson	Unabated B	FCL-078-060	6
<a href="#">Universal Health Care</a>	Nash	A	NH- 0500	122
<a href="#">Richmond Hill Rest Home #2</a>	Buncombe	A & B	HAL-011-191	12
<a href="#">Richmond Hill Rest Home #5</a>	Buncombe	Unabated B	HAL-011-188	12
<a href="#">Carol Lee Family Care Home</a>	Randolph	Unabated B	FCL-076-021	5
<a href="#">Open Arms Family Care Home</a>	Rutherford	A	FCL-081-045	6

To get information regarding the disposition and status of penalties substantiated by the penalty review committee and imposed by the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) visit the [DHSR website](#).



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## ***Happy New Year from Friends of Residents in Long Term Care!***

Thinking about New Year's Resolutions? Think about supporting Friends of Residents in Long Term Care. You can:

- Volunteer to help out in the office
  - Participate in our public policy conference
  - Contact public officials about long term care concerns
  - Keep yourself informed about long term care
  - Publicize training and public information distributed by Friends
  - Volunteer to help the Ombudsman Program
- Make a financial contribution is support of Friends

Make a commitment to improve the lives of residents in long term care facilities and the lives of their families. Do what you can! Make this a resolution you can keep.

### **A Common Problem in NC's Adult Care Homes**

(from the Editorial Page of the News and Observer, January 2, 2011)

"State public health officials say they know what was responsible for the fact that there was an outbreak of hepatitis B in a North Carolina assisted living facility this year, in which six patients died of the disease at Glen Care Mount Olive, a Wayne County center. It wasn't carelessness or reckless disregard for residents, said Julie Henry, spokesperson for the Division of Public Health. "It's really ignorance," she said."

Read more:

<http://www.newsobserver.com/2011/01/02/890496/common-no.html#ixzz19zGgbWLe>

A related article was published December 26th

2010: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/12/26/881880/diabetes-care-raises-alarm.html#storylink=misearch>

The top public policy priority for Friends of Residents in Long Term Care is improved training standards for the direct care workforce in long term care facilities.

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