



WEST VIRGINIA BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES

Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor
Robert E. Roswall, Commissioner

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West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services to host weekly informational outreach during May in celebration of Older Americans Month

The West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services will host weekly informational outreach events beginning May 6, 2016 and every Friday throughout the month of May in recognition of Older Americans Month.

The Administration for Community Living celebrates Older Americans Month nationally each May. The theme this year is “Blaze A Trail”. In support of this theme, the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services is hosting information outreach events at its location in the Charleston Town Center Mall on the 3rd floor from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each Friday during May. The initiative will focus on raising the awareness of seniors, their families and caregivers on the array of senior support programs offered and how best to access and utilize the information provided.

“Older Americans Month is an opportunity for the Bureau of Senior Services to recognize our successes while also sharing with West Virginia Seniors the array of services available,” Commissioner Robert E. Roswall said. “Information is power and we want to ensure that everyone who needs or utilizes senior services are well versed, and are empowered to make informed decisions.”

Staff will host tables and answer questions with specific topics each Friday. Additional information pertaining to other services and programs will also be available.

The mission of the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services is to *Ensure Well and Vital Seniors* throughout the state. This is accomplished through partnerships with a number of Area Agencies on Aging, Senior Centers and non-profits. The Bureau manages several programs designed to support seniors from Staying Healthy and In-Home Care to Respite for Caregivers and Senior Employment programs. The goal of the Bureau is to offer access to programs that promote the health, dignity and independence of those who are enjoying the mature chapter of their lives.

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Bureau of Senior Services - Older Americans Month Outreach Dates:
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. every Friday during May

Friday, May 6

In-Home Services

(Including Lighthouse, Family Alzheimer's In-Home Respite, Personal Care and Personal Options)

May 13 – Older American Act Programs

(Including support services, nutrition, disease prevention, and family caregiver support)
State Health Insurance Assistance Program/Health Insurance Marketplace)

May 20 – Aging & Disability Resource Network/ADRN/Legal Aid/Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

May 27 – Medicare/SHIP-State Health Insurance Program/Senior Medicare Patrol/Preventive Care

More information about the services and programs of the Bureau of Senior Services can be found at www.wvseniorservices.gov or call (304) 558-3317. Its administrative office and services are located in the Charleston Town Center. The Bureau is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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