

**49th Annual Governor's Conference on Aging
Eastern Plains Event Center (EPEC) Glendive
Sept 12th & 13th, 2017**



AGE OUT LOUD

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA



TUESDAY, SEPT 12

7:30AM-5PM Registration and Coffee

8:00AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks – Joan Taylor, Governor Advisory Council Chair
Gary Kartevold-Dawson Co. Commissioner**

8:30AM **Keynote Speaker -Family Caregiving: Are We Ready for the Coming Crises?
Kristopher Struckmeyer; MS, Research Associate, Department of Human
Development and Family Sciences - Oklahoma State University**

During this presentation, we will focus on barriers and strategies to reaching care families. Today we have more options about how we want to age. Gone are the days of nursing homes being our only option with aging-in-place initiatives. But while we tried to solve one problem, we may have overlooked one fact: care families are not trained to take care of a loved one. We've loudly heard from many care families that they need more information and training about aging and care. Responding to the needs of care families is critically important and timely with the federal government's shift from skilled nursing facilities to home and community based living programs. Now that we've learned what needs to be fixed, it's time to make solutions and meet aging families where they are so that they can continue to age out loud.

9:30AM **BREAK**

9:45AM **Navigating the Uncharted Journey - Glenna Chapman, Ombudsman**

This presentation is given from the perspective of a person who has dementia and how dignity can be maintained. Glenna will briefly describe the steps from the initial signs to diagnosis, including identifying behaviors and characteristics. The uncharted journey once identified is unique to each person and can be made easier by understanding how the brain is changing. With stories, personal experience and examples, Glenna will talk about ways to interact with kindness, humor and compassion and practical ideas for dealing with the behaviors and care needed for a person with dementia.

10:45AM Debunking the Myth of Adult Protective Services – APS Panel
Sabrina McQuinn, APS Regional Supervisor, Claudette Manson, APS Regional Supervisor, and Mike Larson, APS Regional Supervisor

This presentation provides new information on understanding abuse, neglect and exploitation that differ in significant ways from the traditional understanding of elder abuse on which Adult Protective Services Professionals have been trained. APS has reevaluated its approach to cases moving to a more investigative from a case management approach and working within the community and law enforcement team members to best protect the elder from ongoing victimization.

11:45AM Centenarian Luncheon – Governor Bullock has been invited to present the keynote address and certificates in honor of our centenarians.

1:30PM Make the Connection: Mouth and Body on the Older Adult - Tonette Hollingsworth, RDH, Oral Health Program Coord. DPHHS & Dr. Matt Calkins DDS

This session will explore the impact of poor oral health on overall health and Montana DPHHS dental activities to promote health aging. Local dental providers will share models of collaboration in providing dental care in long-term care setting and the benefits to residents and facilities.

2:30PM BREAK -Visit the Vendors

2:45PM Senior Scam Alerts and Financial Tools: Panel Presentation by the Montana Elder Fraud and Financial Exploitation and Prevention Network
Presenters: **Janell Huff**, Bank of the Rockies; **Chris Romano**, MT Div. of Banking & Financial Institutions; **Chuck Munson**, Department of Justice; **Al Ward**, President AARP Montana, and **Mike Larsen**, Adult Protective Services

3:45PM BREAK

4:00PM Renter's Rights – Tenant-Landlord Law....What You Don't Know Can Hurt You – Susan Gobbs, Esq. Montana AAA legal Services/Legal Services Developer Program

This presentation will inform participants of recent changes in the Montana landlord and Tenant law. It promises to give you tips and tools to help improve the landlord-Tenant relationship. Areas covered include evictions, security deposit and mobile home leases.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 13

8:30AM **Opening Remarks – Mini Grant Awards -Joan Taylor**

8:45AM **Keynote Speaker - Voices of the Coming of Age - Marvin Kaiser, Dean Emeritus, Portland State University**

This presentation will focus on the urgency of, and strategies for, addressing the challenges and opportunities related to the aging of our population. In the United States and in Montana we are now at the beginning of a twenty-plus year surge in the population of older adults and at a critical place in addressing the challenges that this surge will place upon each of us and our communities. It will also call upon us to remember, rethink and engage the voices of all members of our communities for the opportunities this presents both to older adults and the places in which we live. We will explore pathways and examples of individuals and communities that have recognized this urgency and have taken steps to recognize and address this challenge for the benefit of all members of the places in which we live.

10:15AM **BREAK –Refreshments -Visit the Vendors**

10:45AM **Panel Presentation:**
Wills, Power of Attorneys – Susan Gobbs, Esq. and John McCrea, Legal Services Development Program
Hospice – Wendy Mintz, Hospice Coordinator, Glendive Medical Center
End of Life Issues – Tyler Silha, Silvernale Silha Funeral homes

12:30PM **Closing Remarks and Box Lunch**