

**49th Annual Governor's Conference on Aging
Kalispell Red Lion
Sept 7th & 8th, 2017**



AGE OUT LOUD



TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPT 7

7:00AM – 5:00PM: Registration and Coffee

8:00AM Opening Remarks – Joan Taylor, Chair Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

**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 Debunking the Myth of Adult Protective Services – APS Panel
Michael Hagenlock, APS Bureau Chief, Patti Renenger, APS Regional Supervisor,
Janice Hinze, APS Regional Supervisor, and Jim Kelly, 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.

**10:45AM Creating Moments of Joy, Along the Alzheimer's Journey – Jolene Brackey, Founder of
Enhancing Moments and Author of Creating Moments of Joy**

Jolene Brackey has a vision: that we will soon look beyond the challenges of Alzheimer's disease to focus more of our energies on creating moments of joy. When people have short-term memory loss, their lives are made up of moments. We are not able to create perfectly wonderful days for people with dementia or Alzheimer's, but we can create perfectly wonderful moments, moments that put a smile on their faces and a twinkle in their eyes. Five minutes later, they will not remember what we did or said, but the feeling that we left them with will linger on.

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

1:30PM **BREAK OUT SESSIONS**

A: Medicaid and You: How Most Seniors Pay for Long Term Care –

Presenters: **Kris Carlson**, A Plus Health Care, **Michelle Christensen**, Regional Program Officer, HCBS, **Regional Presenter** from Office of Public Assistance TBA

B: 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.

C: Making the Connection: Mouth and Body in the Older Adult: – Tonette

Hollingsworth, RDH, Oral Health Program Coordinator, DPHHS and Deb Blauvelt, DH

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 **BREAK OUT SESSIONS**

A: Veterans Panel Discussion – Ryan Keeler, Montana Veterans Affairs, Cinnamon Davis, NW Montana Stand Down and Veterans Food Pantry Panel TBD

B: 10 Years Standing Together to Prevent Falls: Mindy Renfro, PT, PhD, DPT – Rural Institute/University of Montana

C: Senior Scam Alerts and Financial Tools: Panel Presentation: Montana Elder Fraud and Financial Exploitation and Prevention Network

Presenters: Janell Huff, Bank of the Rockies; Chris Romano, MT Div. of Banking & Financial Institutions; Marcus Myers, Department of Justice: Al Ward, President AARP Montana, and Michael Hagenlock, Adult Protective Services Bureau Chief, SLTC

This presentation will focus on the roles of each agency in their advocacy for victims of Elder Abuse and Exploitation.

3:45PM BREAK

4:00PM Hospice 101 – Jenna Justice –Hospice Coordinator, Frontier Hospice
This presentation will provide a general overview of hospice services, including personnel, care plans, payment, myths and facts and mission and vision.

6:00PM Reception – Hosted by AARP No Host Bar and Appetizers

7:00PM Jack Gladstone Concert - Conference area for Attendees and invited guests
Jack Gladstone is known as “Montana’s Troubadour” and winner of many awards including the 2016 Montana Governor’s Art Award and 2015 Montana Governor’s Humanities Award and Art Council Innovation Award. “An enrolled citizen of the Blackfeet Indian Nation, Jack illustrates Western and Native American culture through a mosaic of music, lyric poetry and spoken word”.

FRIDAY, SEPT 8

7:00AM -8:30AM Hot Breakfast available to attendees. Hotel guests -complimentary, other attendees \$7.95/person

8:00AM Registration and Coffee

8:30AM Opening Remarks

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 – Mini Grant Awards

10:45AM Panel on Age Friendly Communities (TBD)

12:00AM Closing Remarks and Box Lunch