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Note from the Program Manager

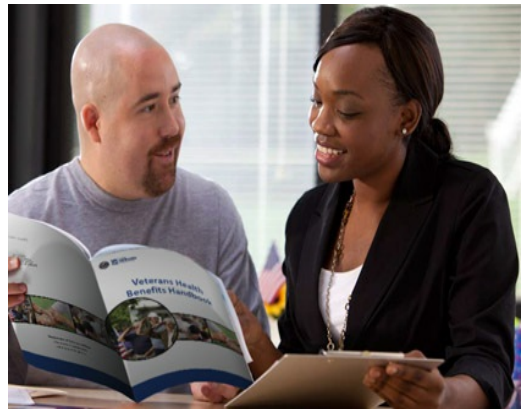


Hello! The Utah ADRC Program office has been very busy with the Semi-Annual Report submitted April 30, 2013, working on plans for the upcoming Grant Year, and welcoming new staff to our Program Office. We are also very excited about the new relationships we have developed with our community partners, and the expansion of the ADRC to Southern Utah. Stay tuned for more information.
- Jen Morgan

ADRC/VA Project

In February 2013, the Utah ADRC was awarded one year of funding through the VA Office of Rural Health for the ADRC/VA Project: ***“Connecting Rural Veterans to the Utah Aging and Disability Resource Connection for Information and Referral and Options Counseling Services.”***

ADRC Options Counselors have received up to nine hours of training by Veteran Benefits Specialist Christopher Scott, with additional trainings scheduled this summer. Options Counselors can use their expertise along with their new expanded knowledge of Veteran Benefits, to assist local Veteran client in their communities.



This project has already fostered new VA resource connections and is building partnerships for a long term impact in working with Veterans in rural areas. The ADRC will submit a proposal this month for an additional year of funding to sustain and expand the project to all Utah ADRC's in rural areas including our soon to be ADRC in Southern Utah – Five County Associations of Governments.

Thank You!

The Utah Governor's Military & Family Summit was held in Salt Lake City on April 17. The ADRC would like to thank the Veterans Rural Health Resource Center - Western Region for inviting and paying the 1-day registration fee for ADRC staff's working in rural in areas. We really appreciate it!



May is Older Americans Month

The Administration on Aging (AoA) presents Older Americans Month 2013:

A proud tradition that shows our commitment to honoring the value that elders contribute to our communities. Show your support for Older Americans Month by unleashing the power of age in your community. Visit their website to learn more about getting involved:



<http://www.olderamericansmonth.acl.gov/>



2013 Elder Abuse Conference

In conjunction with World Wide Elder Abuse Awareness day on June 15th, the Provo City Police Department is partnering with the Utah Area Agencies on Aging and other leading community-based organizations by

hosting the 1st Annual Elder Abuse Conference on Wednesday, June 13, 2013. This multidisciplinary conference, entitled 'Silent Victims, Silent Crimes,' will be held at the Utah County Convention Center located at 220 West Center Street, Provo Utah. Visit their website for more information or to register for the conference:

<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1207165>

Welcome New Staff!

The ADRC Program Office welcomed two new staff members in March. Josie Martinez is a Medicaid specialist from the Dept of Workforce Services, Long Term Care Team. She brings with her 20+ years of knowledge with state programs and services, and specializes in nursing home and long term care Medicaid programs and waivers. Josie enjoys working with the aging population and is available as a resource to all ADRC Options Counselors and clients.

Rhonda Hypio is the new Program Coordinator, working closely with the Program Manager, assisting with all the daily functions at the ADRC program office. She has over 10 years of experience working with state and federal programs, constituent affairs, and the aging population, She is also available as a resource to all ADRC staff and clients.

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