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IMPORTANT DATES

CLOSED Juneteenth Monday, June 20, 2022

Midland Area Agency on Aging (MAAA) is a non-profit agency serving senior citizens in Adams, Clay, Hall, Hamilton, Howard, Merrick, Nuckolls, and Webster counties. We take pride in serving those 60 and older who want to remain comfortable and independent in their own home for as long as they safely can.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15th

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), was launched by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect.

Below are some statistics to illustrate the changing demographics and necessity of educating ourselves and our communities about elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation:

*Between 2015 and 2050, the proportion of the world's population over 60 years will nearly double from 12% to 22%. (World Health Organization, 2022)

*Seniors are living longer, but not necessarily better. Alzheimer's disease, dementia and declining cognitive and physical functioning make elders more vulnerable to victimization.

*One in 10 Americans over age 60—an estimated 5 million elders fall victim of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation.(National Council on Aging, 2017)

*Only one in every 23.5 cases of elder abuse is reported to any agency (Under the Radar: New York State Elder Abuse Prevalence Study Final Report, Lachs, Mark, Et al.,2011)

*As few as 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse come to the attention of authorities, making elder abuse significantly under-identified and under-reported.(Elder Abuse Statistics and Facts, 2017)

If you suspect abuse or fraud please do not hesitate to call 1-800-652-1999

SPEAK UP!

Report abuse to Adult Protective Services at the 24-hour toll-free hotline



1-800-652-1999

- All calls can be made anonymously.
- You do not need to prove that abuse is occurring.
- It is up to the professionals to investigate your suspicions.
- Even if it is determined that no crime has been committed, counseling or other services may be suggested.

Warning Signs

of Elder Abuse or Vulnerable Adult Abuse

- Sudden changes in behavior or finances
- Physical injuries, dehydration, or malnourishment
- Extreme withdrawal, depression, or anxiety
- Absence of basic care or necessities
- Kept away from others
- Unsanitary living conditions
- Personal items missing



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MIDLAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



Please call 1-888-997-1655 to schedule your ride or to receive further information.

Midland Public Transit provides transportation for individuals of all ages, regardless of race and/or disabilities. We will take you where you need to go and return you home. Services are provided in Clay, Nuckolls, Merrick, Howard and Webster Counties. We offer rides bot in and out of town.

Public transit allows increased access to health care appointments, shopping and public service for all community members.

We have multiple vehicles equipped with mobility in mind, featuring ramps and lifts for wheelchairs.

GOT MEDICAID?

If you have Medicaid, we can give you a ride to your medical appointments! We are currently contracted with Nebraska Total Care, United Health Care and WellCare of Nebraska to provide transportation services in Adams, Clay, Howard, Merrick, Nuckolls, and Webster counties.

USDA FARMERS MARKET COUPONS

WHAT ARE FARMERS' MARKET COUPONS????

They are a part of our wonderful nutrition program that can help offset your summer food costs and allows you to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey.

HOW DO I QUALIFY????

Farmers' Market coupons are available for those who meet 3 criteria:

- 1.) You must live in Adams County
- You must be at least 60 years of age by June 1, 2022 2.)
- 3.) Your annual income cannot exceed

One Person Household: \$25,142 Two Person Household: \$33,874

WHAT CAN I USE THEM FOR????

These coupons can be used to redeem fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally owned, fruits, herbs, and honey from any Nebraska certified Vendor.

Coupons can be used at ANY Eligible Farmers' Market in the state of Nebraska.



Limited amounts of coupons available, If you are interested in this program please contact your county's senior center or our central office 402-463-4565 Ex306

GRANTS & CAREGIVER SUPPORT

GRANT PROGRAMS

Homemaker

Helps individuals living in their home who have difficulty with any general cleaning duties

Chore

Helps individuals living in their own home who have difficulty with any heavy tasks such as lawn care, snow removal, and other heavy cleaning.

Lifeline/Emergency Response

Access to Grants to help pay for your service.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT **CRYSTAL**

402-463-4565 EXT. 318

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

There are grants available specifically to assist caregivers with their journey and ease their workload.

Respite Care

GROW YOUR

Allows for bringing in extra services to give a caregiver a break

Supplemental Services

Helps pay for meal services, lifelines, etc.















ADAMS COUNTY

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Mandy Shumm

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

The Golden Friendship Center

Congregate Meal Monday - Friday 12pm Meal must be reserved by 2pm the day before.

To-Go Meal Monday - Friday 11:45am Meal must be reserved by 2pm the day before

Goldbeck Towers

Congregate Meal & To-Go Meals Monday - Friday 12pm Meal can be signed up for in the dining room the day before.

Roseland

Congregate Meal Every Tuesday 11:30am Meals can be reserved by calling the Roseland Bar & Grill (402) 756-6900

VOUCHERS

Vouchers can be redeemed at The Village Diner located inside The Good Samaritan Village Monday - Friday.

Limit 10 Vouchers per month

Vouchers can be obtained at The Golden Friendship Center during office hours or during Monthly distribution at The Village Diner from 10-10:30 the last Thursday of the month

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Home Delivered Meals are provided to anyone 60 and over who are homebound by reason of illness or disability or who are deemed eligible. Meals are available throughout Adams county. Please call The Golden Friendship Center for more information.

Office location: The Golden Friendship Center 2015 W 3rd St, Hastings NE 68901 402-460-1246

> Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED

Exercise Equipment and Classes, Walking Area, BINGO, Toenail Clinic, Blood Pressure Clinic, Special Events

Contact our office for more information and a schedule.

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR COMPUTER RUNNING SMOOTHLY

Buying a new computer's always a thrill, but sooner or later, your fast new machine will start to act like a clunker. Or will it?

With a few simple tips, you can keep your computer running smoothly. Sammsoft (www.sammsoft.com), a company that develops and publishes quality software products designed to secure, protect, maintain, and enhance computer users' experience, provides the following tips:

Clean out your computer registry. Every Windows Operating System uses a registry, or a central database that contains all of the settings for low-level operating system components, as well as any applications running on the platform. Every time you save something, run a new application or install or uninstall a program, new information is organized into your registry. But occasionally, the registry records something incorrectly. Over time, registry errors pile up and can start slowing down your computer. But running a registry cleaner, such as AdvancedRegistry

Optimizer 2010 by Sammsoft, will fix registry errors and remove faulty files, helping your computer run quickly and smoothly.

Keep viruses under wraps. Run a virus checker regularly. If you have a high-speed wireless connection, don't use the Internet without a firewall. No antivirus strategy is perfect, so stay away from suspiciouslooking Web sites and don't click on strange links in e-mails.

Get rid of unnecessary files. If you haven't used a program in months or years, delete it to reclaim valuable memory. But always back-up applications in case you want to reinstall them later, and don't delete applications that you don't recognize, as Windows might need them to run. Never remove WINDOWS or HOT FIX applications. Also delete cookies and clear your Internet cache before you sign-off your computer.

Never turn off your computer before Windows has shut down. Doing so could harm the hard drive or result in lost data or Windows files.

Back up your computer. Hardware problems occur more that you might think, and you don't want to deal with the frustration of losing valuable data. Back up photos, Excel spreadsheets, Word documents — anything that you do not want to lose — on external hard drives or CDs.

For more information, visit www.sammsoft.com. (Courtesy of NewsUSA)

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU ARE CARING FOR **OVER 60 OR DISABLED?**

Do you need help applying for Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security and other services?

Are you looking for in-home assistance, housing or financial assistance?

Are you having trouble locating adequate transportation, behavioral health services, legal services, medical care or assistive technology?

The ADRC provides contact information for local and state resources, supports and services of value. They can also assist with application processes and verification. This information can assist you in making informed choices about the services that best meet you or your loved ones needs.



ADRC provides information, assistance, and education on community services and long-term care options for: seniors (age 60+), people with disabilities of all ages, their caregivers, family members and advocates.

> adrcnebraska.org or call 402-463-4565 ex. 309



CAIRO

SITE SUPERVISOR

Tracy Bowers

Office Location: The Gathering Place 314 S. High St Cairo, NE 68824 308-485-4634

> Hours: Monday -Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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NUTRITION PROGRAMS

CONGREGATE MEAL

The Gathering Place Monday - Friday at Noon Reservations must be made by 9am the day of the meal

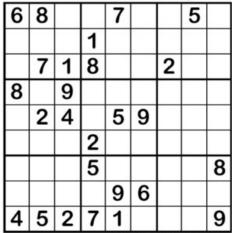
HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Meals are delivered Monday through Friday to eligible participants in and near Cairo

OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED Coffee group, Monthly Dinner, and more

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.



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ENIGMA"

TM Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "T" = "R"

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- OXLKVT XNQNVPN

CROSSWORD PUZZ ACROSS 34 Mature School course 35 Radium OEC HORA emanation

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- (abbr.) Gem
- Scientific name 8 (suf.)
- 12 Office of Economic Development (abbr.) 13 Of the ear
- 14 Book of hours 15 Recommended daily allowance
- (abbr.) 16 Ger
- philosopher Sicilian resort 18 Disprove
- 20 Norwegian king 22 Journey 25 Rom. official
- 28 Divination by lots (Lat.)
- 31 Czarist Russ. council
- 33 East of Eden country

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- 36 Yale student 37 Foot (pref.)
- 38 Berserk 39 Malay law 40 Gr. author
- 42 John, Irish 44 Waste allowance
- 46 Alluvial deposit 50 Footless 52 Indian red
- powder 55 Fiddler crab genus 56 Bowling alley
- 57 Berne's river 58 Dismiss from a
- job 59 Maple genus 60 Flavor
- 61 Television channel

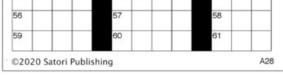
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- ACER LACE DOWN Service tree fruit Surrender
- Adjective-
- Luzon people
- 6 Hubbub Outer (pref.) Forward Pent

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- 10 Sea eagle 11 Antiaircraft forming (suf.)
- artillery (abbr.) Clown 19 Possessive pronoun
 - Slender 23 Dutch cheese
 - 24 Honor 26 Mascagni heroine
 - 27 Blue-pencil 28 Grape syrup 29 Pointed arch
 - 30 Sard (2 words)
 - 32 Donkey 35 Sexual assault 39 Donkey (Fr.)
 - 41 Bid 43 Acquiesce 45 S. Afr. language
 - 47 You (Ger.) 48 Wound crust
 - 49 Pueblo Indian 50 Alabama (abbr.) 51 Half-boot
 - 53 Sheep's cry 54 Internat'l Red Cross (abbr.)



LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN

WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LTC OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM?

Education - to inform residents, families, facility staff and others on a variety of issues related to aging, long term care and residents' rights. Information and Referrals - to empower individuals to resolve concerns and complaints on their own behalf.

Consultation - to make recommendations for protecting the rights of residents and improving their care and quality of life.

Individual Advocacy - to facilitate the resolution of concerns and complaints and to protect the rights of residents.

Systems Advocacy - to identify significant concerns and problematic trends and to advocate for systemic changes that will benefit current and future residents of long-term care facilities.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTC) Program was established under federal mandate through the Older American's Act. A LTC Ombudsman is an advocate for the rights and well-being of nursing home and assisted-living facility residents.

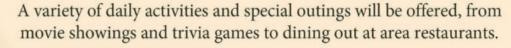


For more information call

Brenda McVey 402-463-4565 ex. 311

E-mail: brenda.mcvey@midlandaaa.net

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CLAY COUNTY

SITE SUPERVISOR

Rachael McLain

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

CLAY CENTER CONGREGATE MEAL

Clay Center Legion Every Wednesday at noon. To reserve a seat, call the office by 3pm the day prior to the meal.

FAIRFIELD VOUCHER CONGREGATE

Fairfield Legion Auxiliary Every Tuesday at noon.

SUTTON VOUCHER CONGREGATE

Sutton Legion Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30am.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Clay County offers home delivered meals to eligible participants over the age of 60.

Clay Center- Every
Wednesday
Edgar- Monday- Friday
Fairfield- Every Tuesday
Harvard- Monday- Friday
Sutton- delivers meals every
Monday, Wednesday and
Friday, but offers up to 5
meals/week.

Office Location: 202 W Fairfield, STE B Clay Center, NE 68933 (402) 762-3226

Hours: Monday- Friday 8-4pm

Voucher Distribution available at the following

available at the following locations:

Clay County Senior Services-Every Wednesday 8am-10am Fairfield- The fourth Tuesday of every month from 11:45-12:45

Sutton Legion- First Monday of every month

JUNE 2022

MAKE A GREAT PLATE.

This classic combination will be a crowd-pleaser.

Peanut Butter and Banana Breakfast Cups

INGREDIENTS

3 cups rolled oats

1 tsp baking powder

2 eggs, whisked

11/2 cups milk

1 ripe banana, mashed

1/3 cup peanut butter

¼ cup pure maple syrup

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 12-cup muffin tin with liners. In large bowl, add oats, baking powder, whisked eggs, milk, banana, peanut butter and maple syrup. Stir until combined well. Spoon mixture into muffin cups. Bake 30 minutes. Allow to cool. Freeze leftovers.

Makes 12 Servings. Each: 168 calories • 7g protein • 6g total fat • 23g carb 8g sugar • 3g fiber • 102mg sodium • 1g saturated fat • 3g mono fat • 2g poly fat

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*HALL COUNTY

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NUTRITION PROGRAMS

THE GRAND GENERATION CENTER

304 E 3rd St, Grand Island 308-385-5308

CONGREGATE MEAL

Monday-Friday 11:30-12:30

CURBSIDE MEAL

Monday-Friday 11:30-12pm

HOME DELIVERED MEAL

Monday - Friday for eligible participants in Grand Island

OTHER PROGRAMS

Recreation Room, Cards, Fitness Classes, BINGO, Support Groups, and More.

DONIPHAN SENIOR CENTER

103 W. Pine, Doniphan 402-845-6583

CONGREGATE MEAL

Monday - Friday at Noon

TO-GO MEAL

Monday - Friday at Noon

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Monday - Friday for eligible participants in Doniphan

OTHER PROGRAMS

Cards, Blood Pressure Clinic, Puzzles, Walking, and More.

WOOD RIVER SENIOR CENTER

120 E 9th, Wood River 308-583-2412

CONGREGATE MEAL

Monday - Friday at Noon

TO-GO MEAL

Monday - Friday at Noon

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Monday - Friday for eligible participants in Wood River



*HAMILTON COUNTY

DIRECTORJENNY FRIESEN

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Hamilton County Senior Center

1205 11th Street Aurora, NE 68818 (402) 694-2176

CONGREGATE MEAL

Monday- Friday at 11:30

CURBSIDE

Monday - Friday at 11:30

Please call by 9am to reserve your meal

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Monday - Friday for eligible participants in Hamilton County.

OTHER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Blood Pressure Clinic, Toenail Clinic, Exercise Classes, Exercise Equipment, Movies, Crafts, Coffee Groups and more

HOWARD COUNTY

Site Supervisor

Toni Bentz

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

CONGREGATE MEAL

Monday - Friday at 11:30 am Please call by 2pm the day before to reserve your meal

HOME DELIVERED MEAL

Provided Monday - Friday for eligible participants.

To cancel a meal, please call by 8:30am

Office Location: St Paul Community Center 808 Howard St St. Paul, NE 68873 308-754-5452 or

> Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

308-754-5453

OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED

Toenail Clinic, BINGO, and more.



MERRICK COUNTY

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

CENTRAL CITY

THE GOOD LIFE CENTER CONGREGATE MEAL

Monday - Friday at 11:45 am

TO-GO MEAL

Monday - Friday at 11:30

HOME DELIVERED MEAL

Monday - Friday for eligible participants

CLARKS

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Monday - Friday

PALMER

THE LEGION CLUB CONGREGATE MEAL

Thursdays at Noon Call (308) 894-2700 for a reservation

HOME DELIVERED MEAL

Monday - Friday for eligible participants

CHAPMAN HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Weekly meals for eligible participants

SITE SUPERVISOR

Tina Broekemeier

Office Location: The Good Life Center 803 C Avenue Central City, NE 68826 308-946-5176

> Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED

Blood Pressure and Toenail clinics, Exercise Classes, Cards, Bingo, Puzzles, Exercise Equipment, Library Checkout, and much more.

MIDLANDS CHOICES

Do you want to know more about the services, care, and support options available to you in your community?

Are you interested in living the most independent life possible?

Do you need help deciding what living alternative is best for you?

Do you have questions about the type of care you need and how your needs can be met?

Do you need more information about funding and options available to you? If you answered yes to any of these questions our Choices program can help!

Care Management

Available for individuals 60+ who need assistance with coordination of in home services and supports

Case Management

Available up to 4 times per year. For individuals 60+ with less intensive needs

Medicaid Waiver

If eligible for Medicaid, individuals may qualify for waiver services to help in the home, transportation, meals, and lifeline.

For referrals or questions call and speak with Nicole 402-463-4565 ex. 301







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NUCKOLLS COUNTY

SITE SUPERVISOR

Brenda Combs

Office Location 447 North Central Avenue Superior, NE 68978 402-879-4691

> Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00PM

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

SUPERIOR

THE VESTEY CENTER CONGREGATE MEAL

Monday - Friday at Noon

TO-GO MEAL

Monday - Friday 11:30am

HOME DELIVERED MEAL

Available Monday - Friday for eligible participants.

NELSON **HOME DELIVERED MEALS**

Available Tuesday - Saturday for eligible participants.

LAWRENCE HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Available Tuesdays & Thursdays for eligible participants.

VOUCHERS

Can be used at D&D Lyon's Den In Nelson & Dick's Place in Lawrence. Call for more info!

OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED

Blood Pressure and Toenail Clinics, Cards, Trivia, Music, BINGO, Coffee Group, Popcorn & Conversation and much more.



WEBSTER COUNTY

SITE SUPERVISOR

Office Location: 432 N. Elm St

Red Cloud, NE 68970 402-746-3708

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

RED CLOUD **Elm Street Center CONGREGATE MEAL**

Monday - Friday at Noon

TO-GO MEAL

Monday - Friday 11:30am

HOME DELIVERED MEAL

Available Monday - Friday for eligible participants

BLUE HILL HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Monday - Friday for eligible participants

GUIDE ROCK Senior Center CONGREGATE MEAL Monday - Friday at Noon

TO-GO MEAL

Monday - Friday 11:30am

HOME DELIVERED MEAL

Available Monday - Friday for eligible participants

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Available in Inavale, Bladen, Rosemont with a modified schedule.

VOUCHERS

Vouchers can be redeemed at Thramers in Blue Hill and at Al's in Bladen.

Vouchers are distributed monthly in Bladen and Blue Hill or by appointment in Red Cloud

OTHER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Toenail and Blood Pressure Clinics, Fitness Classes, Activities and more

GET OUTSIDE

Going outside in the fresh summer air is a wonderful way to spend time together. Going outside encourages light exercise and promotes socializing, which are both important parts for a healthy lifestyle.

- **1. Gardening -** Gardening is one of the most popular outdoor activities for all ages. This is a great way to stay active and maintain strength and flexibility.
- **2. Walks** A great way to stay active is through walks. It's also a great way to get some fresh air and see the sights the environment around you has to offer.
- **3. Bird Watching** While birdwatching can sometimes be seen as a less exciting activity, it can really be beneficial in calming the mind and allowing for reflection. This is a great activity for those who wish to enjoy and connect with nature. It's very soothing and therapeutic.



- **4. Outdoor Theatre / Music** Many local organizations will put on small music events or outdoor theatre showings that your may really enjoy! Bring some snacks and a lawn chair and enjoy the sounds and scenery.
- **5. Picnic** Picnics serve as a great way to get out and enjoy the fresh air.





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NUTRITION PROGRAM INFORMATION

Nutrition services are authorized under The Older American Act. They are designed to promote the general health and well-being of older individuals age 60 and up,

The services are intended to reduce hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition of older adults, promote socialization of older individuals, promote their health and well-being by assisting in gaining access to nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services and to delay the onset of adverse health conditions resulting from poor nutritional health or sedentary behavior.

NUTRITION PROGRAMMING PROVIDED

CONGREGATE MEALS HOME DELIVERED VOUCHERS TOGO MEALS MEAL

Congregate meals are served in a group setting. Often times activities. educational programming and entertainment are offered. Participants have the opportunity to socialize while enjoying nutritionally balanced meals in a comfortable and welcoming environment.

Home Delivered Meals are provided in the participants home five days a week. Nutritious meals, education, and risk screening are provided for individuals over the age of 60 who are homebound by reason of illness or disability, who are otherwise isolated and or deemed eligible.

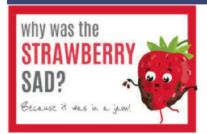
Vouchers are available in certain counties and establishments. Please contact your county began. to see if they participate.

At the beginning of the pandemic, in an effort to allow dining at local accommodate social distancing the ability for TOGO meals

> Please contact your county for more information about availability.

WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

All of our meals are contribution based. This means we do not charge for the cost of them, but we suggest a contribution amount that helps keep this program running in the future. The suggested donation amount for participants over 60 is between \$4.00 to \$5.00 depending on the meal site. Meal programs are supported by funding through the Federal Older American's Act (OAA), the state of Nebraska, local donations, and your contributions. All contributions are voluntary and confidential.













SUMMER SUN PROTECTION

As we head into the summer months, keep your skin's health — present and future — in mind. Use these four tips to stay safe in the sun.

- 1. Wear protective clothing. If possible, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and hats. Hats with wide brims not only cover your face, but they also protect other easy-to-forget spots like your ears and your scalp.
- 2. Make sunglasses your favorite accessory. Sunglasses shield your eyes from UV rays that can cause eye problems, like cataracts. Pricey sunglasses don't guarantee better protection. Look for a pair that says it blocks 99% or 100% of UVB and UVA rays.
- **3. Limit your sun time**, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. That's when the sun's rays are at their strongest. Plan your outdoor activities early in the morning or later in the afternoon. You can also find or create shade during those hours. At the park? Sit under a tree. At the beach? Bring a beach umbrella. Just a regular day? Plan indoor lunch breaks.
- **4. Use sunscreen and use it right**. UV rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. To protect your skin, put sunscreen on every part of your body that will be exposed to the sun at least 15 minutes before going outside, even if it's cloudy out. Sunscreen is most effective when used with other sun protection methods, like those mentioned above. Choose a sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and reapply every two hours.







Are you concerned about...

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- Paying large nursing care bills not covered by Medicare?
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- Homestead Exemption
- Tenant Issues
- And other legal concerns



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Don't Delay the Talk:

An early Alzheimer's diagnosis can make a big difference

After 30 years of painting commercial buildings, Mario Martinez of San Jose, California, had experienced days like this before — grueling hours under a sun-soaked sky, doing back-breaking work. He loved his job, but after spending hours outside he was ready to go home. Mario bent down to pick up his paintbrush, roller and can. Turning back to look at his day's work, he paused. His heart sank. He knew something was wrong.

"Mario came home and told me he had painted the wrong side of the doors on the building," his wife Veronica said. "It was alarming because he's been painting buildings for years and never made this kind of mistake. It worried us both." The couple had both noticed that Mario seemed to be more forgetful recently, but neither had shared their concerns with the other. Now that Mario's memory lapses were interfering with his work, it was time to talk.

Take action through conversation

"Veronica told me I was asking for more and more help," Mario said. "I told her that I was forgetting a lot of the things she asked me to do. The more we talked, the more I realized I had a problem. I was forgetting many moments in my life and not enjoying activities that I had enjoyed before."

The couple's difficult conversation led Mario to his doctor's office, and he was eventually diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Mario is not alone. He is one of more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's — a fatal brain disease that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior. Every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease and it's the country's sixth-leading cause of death.

Despite Alzheimer's growing impact, many families struggle with discussing the issue. A recent Alzheimer's Association survey reveals that 72 percent of Americans say that talking to close family members about cognitive decline would be challenging for them. However, having these difficult, but important conversations sooner can prevent a crisis and improve health options and outcomes.

Reach out for help

To encourage and help more families discuss cognitive problems sooner, the Alzheimer's Association, in partnership with the Ad Council, has launched the "Our Stories" campaign. "Our Stories" features real stories of people who noticed cognitive changes in a family member and took the first, difficult step to initiate a conversation.

"It's understandable that many families are reluctant to express their concerns and start a conversation, but there are good reasons to do so," said Ruth Drew, director of information and support services, Alzheimer's Association. "Initiating conversations sooner can enable early

diagnosis, which offers many important benefits, including allowing more time for critical care planning, better disease management and providing diagnosed individuals a voice in their future care."

The "Our Stories" website, https://ourstories.alz. org, offers families tools and resources, including customizable conversation starters, a list of early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's, benefits of early diagnosis, a downloadable discussion guide and other resources.

Whether you're noticing changes in yourself or a loved one, starting a conversation about Alzheimer's can be difficult, but it can make a big difference and there are resources to help. When something feels different, it could be Alzheimer's — now is the time to talk.

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