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## New Meal Provider for Senior Nutrition Program in Rains and Wood Counties

*Vendor – Connie's Place Began Service on July 1*

**Kilgore, TX, July 24, 2013:** ETCOG's Area Agency on Aging of East Texas has contracted with a new vendor to serve its Senior Nutrition Program meal services in Rains and Wood Counties. Effective July 1, Connie's Place located in Alba, Texas, became the new provider for these territories. Connie's Place has been hired to prepare and deliver approximately 20,545 meals within the two counties which include 19,180 congregate meals to be served at congregate meal sites in Emory and Yantis as well as 1,365 home delivered meals in Emory.

ETCOG subcontracts with multiple nutrition providers to operate the Senior Nutrition Program in the East Texas region. The Older Americans Act, as Amended, provides funds for nutrition services for persons sixty years of age and older. Hot, nutritious meals provided five days a week at a congregate meal site with home-delivered meals available to those who are not physically able to attend the meal site.

To view a list of all current senior nutrition contractors and the territories they serve, [click here](#). For more information, please contact ETCOG's Director of Aging, Bettye Mitchell at 903.984.8641 x104.

### **About East Texas Area Agency on Aging**

The Area Agency on Aging of East Texas is designated by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services to coordinate services for persons in East Texas who are 60 or older, with particular attention to low-income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas. Programs include, but are not limited to: Information, Referral and Assistance, Benefits Counseling/Legal Assistance, Nursing Home Ombudsman, Care Coordination, Caregiver Support Program and transportation provided by GOBUS. The Area Agency on Aging provides Nutrition programs delivering hot, nutritious meals to eligible homebound senior and providing congregate meals at local senior center. The Area Agency on Aging is a program of ETCOG serving its 14 county region.

### **About ETCOG**

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.