



PRESS RELEASE

Area Agency on Aging to Host Medicare Conference

Power in Community Conference will Cover Medicare Basics, Savings Programs, Preventing Fraud, and Where to go for Help

Tyler, TX, September 1, 2015: The Area Agency on Aging of East Texas and the Texas Legal Services Center invites the public to attend Power in Community, a free Medicare conference to be held on Friday, September 11th, at The Rose Garden Center located at 420 Rose Park Drive from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Power in Community will kick off the morning session with classes on Medicare basics, preventative services, Medicare savings programs and extra help with prescription assistance. A free lunch will be provided at the event for attendees. The afternoon session will feature a class on preventing fraud and a panel discussion on where beneficiaries can go for help. Panel participants will include representatives from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Department of Aging & Disability Services, the East Texas Aging & Disability Services, the Social Security Administration, caregiver assistance staff, and a certified Ombudsman. The conference will close with a question and answer session.

“We want to empower THIS community to get the most from their Medicare benefits,” said ETCOG’s Area Agency on Aging Director, Bettye Mitchell. “If you or a loved one receive Medicare, we encourage you to attend the conference and connect with experts in the field. We find so often that many do not understand their benefits, or may not be utilizing all that they can. We can also connect beneficiaries with extra help to pay for Medicare costs, which can mean so much to individuals on a fixed income. Please, save the date and plan to join us for Power in Community.”

For reservations, please call (903) 595-5211 or (903) 595-5212 or email our Certified Benefits Counselor, Carol Jackson at carol.jackson@etcog.org.

About Area Agency on Aging of East Texas

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 centers. 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.