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Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message:

May is Older Americans Month and the theme for 2008 is "**Working Together for Strong, Healthy and Supportive Communities**"

The Administration on Aging has posted information at:

<http://www.aoa.gov/press/oam/oam.asp> Posters and materials are available on the website.

We are asking that each AAA, contractor(s) and community partners submit what they will be doing to promote Older Americans Month. Please send your planned activities to **Jai Maddox** at jai.maddox@state.or.us . All activity information will be assembled and submitted to the Administration on Aging; Region X.

Ideas for Older Americans Month events:

- Compose an "Older Americans Month proclamation" for your County Commissioners to sign.
- Contact your local television or radio station and ask them to place "public service announcements" announcing Older Americans Month and the OAA services in your local area.
- Set up a vendor table at a shopping center or mall area, staff it with representatives who are able to answer questions and provide information on OAA programs and services in your area.
- Contact your local community centers, faith based organizations; speak to the local chair person, pastor or president and offer your services as one of the speakers for

May to discuss Older Americans Month and services in your area, or ask if you may place a vendor table at their location.

- Hold an OAA Senior Day event at the local Senior Center - tea, dessert or luncheon. Using the theme “Working Together for Strong, Healthy and Supportive Communities”.
- Organize an outdoor music event for seniors, play music from 30s &40s; contact other agencies (Community Action Agencies, Senior Centers, Faith Based, etc) in your area to help supply vendor tables with information and goodies to hand out.
- Senior Fair - partner with CAP agencies, Faith Based, Senior Centers and local business’

Please place all events on the Network of Care website for your county. If you need assistance on placing your event contact Jai Maddox at jai.maddox@state.or.us or (503) 373-1877

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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