



SPOTLIGHT

Older Americans Month

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter designated May as Older Americans Month to acknowledge the contributions (both past and present) that older individuals



make to our country, and in particular those who have defended our nation. This year's theme — *Living Today for a Better Tomorrow* — reflects a focus on prevention efforts and on programs that help mature adults maintain better health and avoid the risks of chronic disease, disability, and injury as they get older.

Americans of any age and background can celebrate Older Americans Month! Contact your local Agency on Aging and volunteer for activities during the month of May. Promote community, state, and national efforts to serve older adults, or simply find ways to enrich the lives of the older adults in your own life. It's also a time to explore avenues to involve your community's older adults in volunteer efforts, allowing them not only to share their wisdom and energy but to reap the proven rewards of service to others.

For a sample proclamation, article, logo, and poster, see the Department of Health and Human Services [Administration on Aging](#) website. Help programs and communities plan their tributes to this important — and growing — population. Federal officials predict that, by 2030, about 20 percent of the population will be over the age of 65. [Source: [New York Times](#), March 2006]

RESOURCES

New Online Tool for Performance Measurement

Having trouble getting those performance measures started? Use the interactive Performance Measurement Builder created by Project STAR to help AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs develop performance measures. The PM Builder "jump starts" the process — it helps develop a performance measurement plan and instruments quickly, and allows programs to focus on data collection, data analysis, and reporting results.



Build a performance measurement plan by selecting from a series of drop-down menus that include examples of activities, outputs, and outcomes. The plan can be saved as a Word document, customized for program activities, and then copied and pasted into eGrants. Sample instruments are available with instructions for administration and analysis; download and modify them to fit specific needs. The PM Builder also links to helpful checklists, tutorials, and other resources for implementing performance measurement.

[Go directly to the PM Builder](#)

[More performance measurement resources](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Works Institute on Service-Learning

July 20–24
Shelburne, Vermont

Limited openings are still available for this professional development opportunity that provides training and models — supported by a variety of resources and strategies — for developing and articulating a classroom, school, or program's approach to service-learning.

[Get more details here.](#)

2009 National FGP Conference

June 12–15
Jackson, Mississippi

We're Rollin' Down the River is the theme of the 2009 Foster Grandparent Conference / Jamboree to be held in June. This is an educational and fun time for the grandparents to receive training that will help them in their volunteer service and to network with foster grandparents from across the United States.

[More information here.](#)

Foster Grandparents
Share Today. Shape Tomorrow.



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Simple tech tip:

To insert the copy right symbol © into your documents press **ALT+CTRL+C** on the PC and **OPTION+G** on the MAC.

SAVE THE DATE!

June 22–24, 2009 ~ San Francisco
Early bird registration ends May 15.



[National Conference
on Volunteering and Service](#)

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