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**Caregiver Conference
July 26**

Join ElderSource and other Caregiver Coalition partners on Tuesday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for an information-

Welcome to New Staff and Board Member

ElderSource welcomes Director of Finance and Administration, JaLynne Santiago, as its newest member of the Leadership Team. JaLynne is a graduate of Florida A&M and brings to the agency over 10 years of accounting experience. If you recognize her name, she previously worked for ElderSource four years ago in the Finance Department. Welcome back, JaLynne!



JaLynne Santiago

We also are pleased to announce that Gwen Azama-Edwards, formerly a five-year member of our Advisory Council, has been appointed to the ElderSource Board of Directors. "I would like to thank the ElderSource Advisory Council members, its leadership under Pastor Tate, and staff for all



Gwen Azama-Edwards

packed conference designed especially to support the needs of caregivers. The event is located at River Garden Senior Services on 11401 Old St. Augustine Road in Mandarin. The **FREE** event can help you take better care of yourself and those for whom you care. Topics at this conference will include:

- * Caring for the Caregiver
- * The Physical Aspects of Caregiving
- * Honoring Choices® Florida Advance Care Planning
- * Asset and Legal Planning for Seniors
- * Cultural and Spiritual Sensitivities of Aging

To request complimentary respite care for your loved one, call River Garden at 904.288.7858 by **Monday, July 18**. Please call 904.407.7400 to reserve your seat.

Worth Repeating



Senior scams have been on the rise and regularly reported in the news regularly. If you think a senior is being scammed or abused, you can report it to 1.800.96.ABUSE. Here is a great article from the National Council on Aging, "Top 10 Scams Targeting Seniors." Read and pass it on! [CLICK HERE](#)

the support and assistance provided over the past several years. Serving with all of you, past and present, has been a great honor and privilege," said Gwen. "I have appreciated to a great extent the passion and love of serving and giving of yourselves, demonstrated over the years by your sharing at our Advisory Council meetings. I started this journey out of a love for, and in memory of, my mother whom I loved and cherished deeply. I continue it knowing that she is blessed and pleased in heaven by all that I do in helping our elder community as she too did during her lifetime," she added. Gwen is a graduate of Stetson University in DeLand, Florida where she obtained both undergraduate and graduate degrees. She was City Clerk and City Commissioner in Daytona Beach for 15 years and two years respectively.

ElderSource Participates at MOSH Pride Celebration

ElderSource was pleased to participate in the recent community event held at the Museum of Science and History (MOSH). The Pride Celebration brought together various organizations that support the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community. For several years, ElderSource has taken the initiative to develop programs and training for the community and healthcare providers that elevate the awareness and need to support LGBT elders. ElderSource featured its *PhotoVoice* exhibit, a collection of photographs taken by LGBT elders depicting various aspects of their lives living as a gay older adult in our community. Fear, isolation and discrimination were many topics highlighted via the photos.



For more information about the ElderSource LGBT Cultural Competency Training, call 904.391.6682.

SHINE Volunteers Are In the House!

This month five new SHINE volunteers participated in training to be certified as Medicare counselors. SHINE - Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders - is a program from the Department of Elder Affairs and administered through ElderSource, offering seniors, caregivers and

persons with disabilities free and unbiased information to understand their benefits. Accompanied by experienced SHINE volunteers, the new



recruits first completed independent online training prior to a day-long group session. Over the next few months, the SHINE volunteers will spend time honing their counseling skills in order to be ready for the busy season of Open Enrollment, where Medicare beneficiaries can review and change their Medicare insurance options. For more information about the SHINE program or to become one of our outstanding volunteers, call Carrie Gonzalez at 904.391.6644.

Are You Prepared?

It's hurricane season. Do you have your disaster preparedness kit? Do you know your evacuation route? Please make sure you and your older loved ones have what you need well before a storm hits. Check



out important information on the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) web site which offers a checklist of essential items, information on developing a family disaster plan and planning for your pets during the storm. You could also stop by the ElderSource office and pick up copies of the DOEA Disaster Preparedness Guide for Elders. [Click here](#) for important information from DOEA.

Great Work Being Done

Each month ElderSource would like to recognize a few of the many efforts implemented by its service providers. This month, ElderSource would like to applaud the City of Jacksonville's Senior Services Division for its efforts to implement the Emergency Home Energy Assistance or the Elderly (EHEAP) program - a federally-funded program with qualifying criteria. The City recently assumed responsibility for the EHEAP program, which assists low-income Duval County households that have at least one resident age 60 or older and experiencing a home energy emergency, such as delinquent utility bill, lack of heating fuel or receipt of a shut-off notice. The City works collaboratively with JEA to process the EHEAP applications.

For more information about EHEAP or details on how someone call apply for assistance, call 904.630.CITY



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