

ADRC Position Opening: Emergency Services Resource Specialist (Family Service Specialist)

Under the direction of the Senior Services Coordinator, assist eligible families and individuals with financial assistance through the Emergency Solutions Grant and other assigned programs. Provide assessment, case management, counseling and outreach services to homeless and near homeless households and assist in securing and maintaining housing and utilities. Assess eligibility for benefits and provide follow up and assistance as needed. Maintain clear and accurate documentation and track client activities in data base. Work collaboratively with other homeless service providers, landlords and property managers, to facilitate and/or regularly attend network meetings to assure community wide coordination of limited resources. Be familiar with housing resources and maintain up-to-date housing registers and information for department staff and consumers. Provide information and referral to callers regarding basic needs including shelter, food and benefits. Provide information and referral assistance to the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Regularly consult with and provide back up assistance to team members especially in regards to housing issues. Respond to Mayor and Departmental requests for assistance on special and/or unique need cases as appropriate. Perform other related duties as assigned. Deadline to apply, November 4, 2016. If you are interested in this position apply at: [Employee Relations](#).

ADRC Brown Bag Education Series - Second Tuesday of the Month



You are invited to attend the **FREE Brown Bag** monthly educational presentations for **2016, hosted by the ADRC**. It is our hope as residents of the Anchorage area you will join us. Take this time to learn information that may be helpful to you, your friends, loved ones and clients in an engaging format. Break away from your daily routine, bring your lunch if you want to, and join us for an opportunity to learn something new! The monthly **Brown Bag** presentation is on the **second Tuesday of each month from Noon-1:00 p.m.** at the **BP Energy Center**. Contact Karla at (907) 343-7778 for more info.

No presentation in November

Guest Speaker—December 13 - Teresa Holt, Long Term Care Ombudsman

ML&P joins Emergency Outreach Program offering Utility Assistance



We are pleased to welcome **Municipal Light and Power (ML&P)** as a partner in our utility assistance program. The program provides utility assistance to members who need assistance paying their utility Bills. Over 160 Anchorage residents have received help from the program in the last twelve months. Thanks to **Chugach Electric Association** and the **AWWU Coins Can Count** Program for their continued support. For more information on the Emergency Outreach program, including eligibility requirements, please contact a Resource Specialist at (907) 343-7770 or the Hotline at (907) 343-4750.

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) provides emergency assistance to prevent homelessness. The ESG Hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and remains open for up to one week (subject to funding). The assistance remains open through the month. ESG Hotline Number is (907) 343-4750.



Will Open in November, Call the Hotline at 343-4750 for opening date.

Upcoming Municipal Commission Meetings

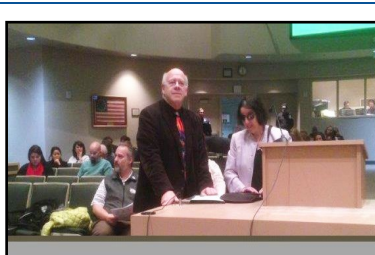
The **ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Advisory Commission** Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 from 10:30-Noon at Access Alaska, 1217 E. 10th Ave.

The **Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Meeting** is Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center, 1300 E. 19th Ave.



Anchorage Assembly recognizes Lynne Korral

Lynne Korral, longtime member of the ADA Advisory Commission has retired from the Commission and has moved to Florida. Ms. Korral is shown receiving a Proclamation from the Anchorage Assembly thanking her for her years of service and her commitment and advocacy to the people of Anchorage.



Seniors Ride People Mover Bus FREE on Wednesdays

If you are age 60 or over, you can ride any People Mover Bus on **Wednesdays** at **NO COST**. Download an application online or you may pick up one from Customer Service, 700 W. 6th Ave. #109. Proof of eligibility required at each boarding. For more information contact 907-343-6543.

New Free Drug Collection Unit Installed at Providence Medical Arts Pharmacy

Click on [this link](#) to read more about how drugs can be disposed of in the Anchorage area.

Senior Study—Recognizing the impact of Anchorage's growing Senior Population.

Attached is a new story from KTUU with explains the challenges and opportunities facing the senior population in Anchorage. <http://www.ktuu.com/content/news/Alaskas-senior-population-projected-to-boom-creating-thousands-of-health-care-jobs-398745671.html>

Social Security Online—ssa.gov—what you can do online

Type in ssa.gov and you will end up on the Social Security webpage, chock full of information about the program, how to apply and how it can work for you. Some of the issues you can handle are: requesting a replacement Social Security card, finding out if you qualify and applying for benefits, getting your Social Security Statement; appeal a decision, and estimating future benefits. Create your Social Security account today to control your future.

Beware of Social Security Disability Benefit Scams

Alaska Medicare Information Office

Part D Open Enrollment for Prescription Drug Plans: Oct 15th-Dec 7th. With the annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period upon us, now is the time for people with Medicare Part D and their caregivers/providers to compare plans to ensure they have the right health and prescription drug coverage. All changes made during this time will become effective on January 1, 2017. If you have employee or retiree insurance that covers your prescriptions, you may not need Medicare Part D. Be sure to check your plan. Questions? If you need assistance or know of someone who does, there are Certified Medicare Counselors in Alaska. In Anchorage at the Anchorage Senior Activities Center you can speak with Nila or Michelle at 770-2070 or 770-2027. Call to set up an appointment; have your Medicare card, a list of prescriptions and be ready to answer some questions.

Are you age 63? 64? 65? Get ready for Medicare. Medicare is health insurance for people who are age 65 and older, under age 65 with disabilities, or any age with end-stage renal disease or Lou Gehrig's disease. When you turn 65 you have a seven-month initial enrollment period: the three months before your birthday month, your birthday month, and the three months after. Most retiree medical plans require Medicare A & B enrollment at 65 because Medicare becomes the primary payer. Three ways to sign up: online at www.ssa.gov OR by national phone line 800-772-1213 (7am-7pm M-F) OR at your local office: Social Security Anchorage 222 W. 8th Ave. We can help you find the most cost effective Part D (prescription) coverage. Call (907) 269-3680 or 800-478-6065. For more information go to www.medicare.gov

Alaskans helping Alaskans get more out of their Medicare. MIO provides one-on-one counseling, education and outreach to Medicare beneficiaries and their families. This allows people to better understand and utilize their Medicare benefits. Additionally they teach how to spot and report Medicare errors, waste, fraud and abuse.

Enrolling for Medicare: Extra Help – A Year Round Opportunity: Here is a great worksheet to help you get the resources together for persons on Social Security Disability who are Medicare eligible, or Seniors on Medicare.

Questions? Contact (in Anchorage) (907) 269-3680, toll free in Alaska 1-800-478-6065, or hss.medicare@alaska.gov

[Aging and Disability Resource Center](#)

The Resource Center can help you find: ~ Adaptive Equipment ~ Assisted Living/Nursing Homes ~ Employment Programs ~ Family Caregiver Assistance ~ Financial Aid ~ Health & Wellness Programs ~ Housing Options ~ In-Home Personal Care ~ Nutrition Programs ~ Prescription Drug Coverage ~ Respite Care ~ Senior Centers ~ Support Groups ~ Transportation ~ Services are confidential and free of charge

Call a Resource Specialist today with questions – (907) 343-7770 ~ We're on the Web:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/Pages/SeniorServices.aspx>

Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Health & Human Services, 825 L Street, Ste 203, Anchorage, AK 99501