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OREGON HIV/AIDS CASE MANAGEMENT

OPEN ENROLLMENT STARTS 11/1/17

Key Dates

ACA

Nov 1: Enrollment for 2018 begins

Dec 15: Enrollment for 2018 ends

Don't miss your chance to enroll in health insurance for 2018.

Health Care .gov

The ACA is still in place and open enrollment will occur 11/1-12/15! Even though funding for outreach and advertising has been cut we all need to all do our part to get the word out!

Social media is one way we can do that. Here are some places getting the word out!

<https://www.facebook.com/Out2Enroll/>

<https://www.facebook.com/FamiliesUSA/>

<https://twitter.com/familiesusa>

<https://twitter.com/Out2Enroll>

<https://twitter.com/YoungInvincible>

<https://out2enroll.org/>

Next Meeting

**September 12th
CAREAssist
Update**

**Lisa McAuliffe,
Program
Coordinator and
Erin Gorry,
Certified
Application
Counselor**

**Post Network
10:30-11 Best
Update
Denise Keesee,
Central City
Concern**

Social Security is there for those who served our country

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Administration



The men and women who served our country in the military can count on Social Security to be there for them throughout their lives.

Active duty military members earn credits toward Social Security retirement benefits. Wounded Warriors can receive expedited handling of their claims to receive disability benefits. We also provide survivor benefits for young children and spouses of veterans who have died.

You can learn more about how Social Security helps our veterans build a secure financial future for themselves and their families at www.socialsecurity.gov/people/veterans.

Our newest initiative, *Journey to Success: Employment Tools for Veterans with Disabilities*, is a five-part online guide that helps certain disabled veterans return to fulfilling employment in the American workforce. The guide highlights resources, such as career counseling, job training, employment services, and more.

You can access *Journey to Success* at www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/.

We know some veterans suffered injuries so severe they cannot return to their previous work. However, for those veterans who are interested in testing their ability to find and maintain gainful employment, these resources can help. We thank all members of our military and veterans for their service and sacrifice.

To learn more about our programs and benefits, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

SOCIAL SECURITY CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Administration



We know the importance of “familia” in Hispanic culture, and we’re proud to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 to Oct. 15) by helping build a secure future for you, your family, and your future family.

You can learn more about how Social Security helps secure today and tomorrow for millions of families by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/people/hispanics/.

Hispanics make up our nation’s largest ethnic minority group with a population of 56.6 million, according to 2015 statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau. Social Security is here to help maintain and improve our economic well-being for generations to come.

Currently, we do this by providing retirement, disability, and other benefits to 61 million people, including nearly 3.5 million Hispanics, who have contributed to the Social Security system through their payroll taxes. Social Security also provides a safety net to the families of American workers who become unable to work due to grave impairments or have died.

We work hard to provide enhanced customer service and to educate millions of Americans about the importance of our programs and benefits. This allows us to connect with the Hispanic community in meaningful and efficient ways.

If Spanish is your primary language, you can visit www.segurosocial.gov, our Spanish-language website. It provides hundreds of pages of important information about how to get a Social Security card, plan for retirement, apply for benefits, and manage your benefits once you’re receiving them. Many of our offices have staff who speak Spanish, or you can call 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and select the option for Spanish.

Nationwide, our public affairs specialists reach out to thousands of Hispanic Americans each year to raise awareness of the benefits they may qualify for and to learn the advantages of setting up a *my Social Security* account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

These specialists promote our programs at local events, health fairs, libraries, schools, and community organizations that serve the public, including the Hispanic population. Some of our bilingual staff serve as contributors to Spanish-language television, radio stations, and newspapers. They also visit embassies and consulates in the U.S. representing Latin American countries to educate diplomatic leaders and new immigrants about Social Security programs.

Spanish-speaking individuals wishing to apply for retirement, disability, survivor, and other benefits, as well as Medicare, can now request an appointment online at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits for an in-person interview or telephone claim with a representative. In many cases, you can make an appointment with a bilingual representative.

We’re with you and your family throughout life’s journey. To learn more about Social Security programs, visit www.segurosocial.gov or www.socialsecurity.gov

Ways to stay informed and support those living with HIV impacted by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma

Houston

There numerous efforts occurring in Houston to help those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. [NMAC and AIDS United](#) just released a \$1 Million funding opportunity for organizations impacted by the Hurricanes.

[AIDS Foundation of Houston](#) provides housing, food, support services and testing. They are accepting donations.

[Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group](#) offers information for those displaced about how to access care, medications, etc

[The Montrose Center](#) focuses on serving the LGBTQ community. They have started the Hurricane Harvey LGBTQ Disaster Relief Fund

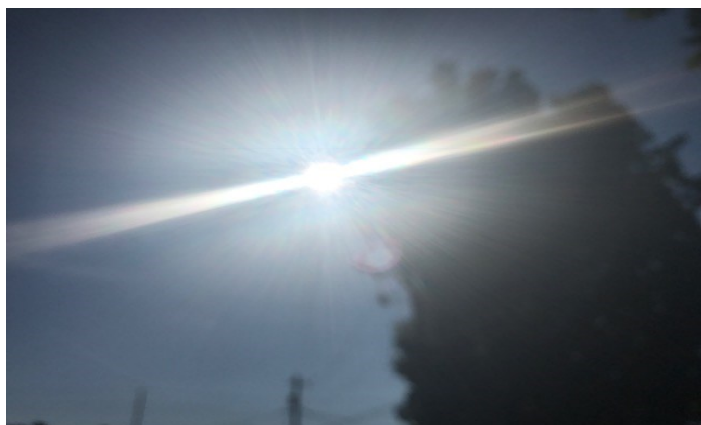
Florida

At the time of writing this newsletter, Irma was still moving towards Florida.

The website floridadisaster.org offers a lot of information about insurance, shelters, public health, etc

[South Florida AIDS Network](#)– provides a variety of services to those living with HIV in Miami-Dade County

Was it only a couple of weeks ago that it seemed like time stood still.....



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