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PRIDE NORTHWEST

VISIBILITY • EDUCATION • CELEBRATION

OREGON & SW WASHINGTON'S LGBTQ PRIDE ORGANIZATION

20th Anniversary Celebration

June 14-15, 2014

Tom McCall Waterfront Park

Next Meeting
June

Tuesday, June 10th

800 NE Oregon-1D

**Program Updates
& Coordination of
Care among HIV/
AIDS agencies
discussion**

**OHSU/Partnership Project will be at Pride on
Saturday, June 14th and Sunday, June 15th!!**

We will be at D1 which is located near the Pine St Entrance.

Be sure to come by and visit us!!



FATHERS, MEN'S HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SECURITY

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs

This year, we observe National Men's Health Week from June 9 to 15. Each year we observe Men's Health Week the week prior to Father's Day, focusing on awareness, prevention, education and family.

And, June 8 is Best Friends Day, so if your dad happens to be your best friend too, all the more reason to celebrate.

Social Security encourages you to support fathers and friends everywhere in their efforts to stay healthy. The right balance of diet, exercise, regular visits to doctors and health care providers, and overall healthy living can go a long way to help everyone remain a part of your daily life for years to come.

Avoiding stress helps folks stay healthy. That's why we'd like to suggest that you advise the men in your life (and everyone for that matter) to avoid scams and phishers. Fathers and best friends may like to go fishing, but make sure they aren't the catch of the day when a criminal offers alluring bait.

For example, Social Security will *not* call or email you for your personal information such as your Social Security number or banking information. If someone claiming to be from Social Security contacts you and asks for this information, do not give out your personal information without calling us to verify the validity of the request. The caller may be an identity thief phishing for your personal information. Just call the local Social Security office or Social Security's toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

If you receive a suspicious call, please report it to our Fraud Hotline. You also can report such calls online at <http://oig.ssa.gov/report> or by telephone at 1-800-269-0271 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

If possible, please include the following details:

- The alleged suspect(s) and victim(s) names, addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers, if known;
- Description of the fraud and the location where the fraud took place;
- When and how the fraud was committed;
- Why the person committed the fraud (if known); and
- Who else has knowledge of the potential violation.

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in America. If you or anyone you know has been the victim of an identity thief, the place to contact is the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at www.idtheft.gov. Or, call 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338); TTY 1-866-653-4261.

Whether you go fishing, play some ball, or take a hike, we encourage you to enjoy some healthy time with your father and with your best friend. But make sure no one falls victim to the wrong kind of phishing. Learn more by reading our publication, *Identity Theft And Your Social Security Number* available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

SOCIAL SECURITY ONLINE SERVICES MAKE JUGGLING EASY

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs

If you're crazy about juggling, there's a holiday just for you: Juggling Day on June 17. The International Juggling Association created this holiday in 1947, earmarking a day for everyone from juggling junkies to inexperienced novices to try their hand at juggling.

These days, with busy schedules and constant multi-tasking, it seems the most common kind of juggling for people is managing the multiple chores and obligations of everyday life. That's why Social Security created a suite of online services that makes doing business with us a snap.

The best way to juggle a multitude of Social Security tasks online is by creating a personal *my Social Security* account. It's easy to register for your personalized online account, and, once you do, you can complete a number of tasks. Check it out at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Your account gives you immediate access to your personal Social Security information. During your working years, you can use *my Social Security* to view your *Social Security Statement* to check your earnings record and see estimates of the future retirement, disability, and survivor benefits you and your family may receive. Are you already receiving benefits? You can use your online account to immediately get your proof of benefits letter, change your address or phone number on our records, start or change your direct deposit, and check your benefit and payment information.

In addition to using *my Social Security*, there are a number of other things you can do online with Social Security. For example, you can use the *Retirement Estimator* to plug in different numbers, retirement dates, and scenarios to help you decide the best time for you to retire. It's available at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

And when that time comes, you can apply for retirement benefits online at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/about.htm. It can take as little as 15 minutes from start to finish. In most cases, once you submit your electronic application, that's it, you're done—no papers to sign or documents to submit.

From getting the skinny on how to get a replacement Social Security card to an online application for disability benefits, the place to go for juggling all of the services and information offered by Social Security is our website: www.socialsecurity.gov.

Regardless of how many Social Security tasks you may have, leave the juggling to the jugglers and take care of business the easy way at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question:

When a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, who is eligible for survivors benefits?

Answer:

Social Security survivors benefits can be paid to:

Widows or widowers—unreduced benefits at full retirement age, or reduced benefits as early as age 60;

Disabled widows or widowers—as early as age 50;

Widows or widowers at any age if they take care of the deceased's child who is under age 16 or disabled and receiving Social Security benefits;

Unmarried children under age 18, or up to age 19 if they are attending secondary school full time. Under certain circumstances, benefits can be paid to stepchildren and grandchildren;

Children at any age who were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled; and

Dependent parents age 62 or older.

Even if you are divorced, you still may qualify for survivors benefits. For more information, go to

www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question:

How does Social Security decide if I am disabled?

Answer:

For an adult to be considered disabled, Social Security must determine that you are unable to do the work you did before and that, based on your age, education, and work experience, you are unable to adjust to any other work that exists in significant numbers in the national economy. Also, your disability must last or be expected to last for at least one year or to result in death. Social Security pays for total disability only. No benefits are payable for partial disability or short-term disability (less than a year). For more information, we recommend you read our publication, *Disability Benefits*, available online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Question:

What is the earliest age that I can receive Social Security disability benefits?

Answer:

There is no minimum age as long as you meet the Social Security definition of disabled and you have sufficient work to qualify for benefits. To qualify for disability benefits, you must have worked under Social Security long enough under to earn the required number of work credits and some of the work must be recent. You can earn up to a maximum of four work credits each year. The amount of earnings required for a credit increases each year as general wage levels go up, and, currently, the amount is \$1,200. The number of work credits you need for disability benefits depends on the age you become disabled. For example, if you are under age 24, you may qualify with as little as six credits of coverage. But people disabled at age 31 or older generally need between 20 and 40 credits to qualify, and some of the work must have been recent. For example, you may need to have worked 5 out of the past 10 years. Learn more at

www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

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PROPORCIONANDO ABOGACIA Y SERVICIOS DESDE 1995

We're hiring a .50 FTE (20 hours a week) Spanish Speaking RN.

Please direct folks to [OHSU Jobs](#) to read the job description and apply!!

Spanish Speaking Nurse Case Manager will provide comprehensive case management services to HIV+ clients and their families through the continuum of HIV related care. Key services include health assessment, coordination of services, transition planning, and education in conjunction with an interdisciplinary team.

Qualifications	Required
Education:	Bachelors Degree of Nursing
Experience:	A minimum of two years of applicable HIV clinical experience in community health and/or case management.
Job Related Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (Competencies):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bilingual in Spanish -Must have the ability to problem solve and work with extremely complex clients who present with multiple diagnoses and social problems. -Understanding of the role of the nurse and the scope of practice in Oregon - Knowledge of HIV disease and its related diseases and infections -Needs to have understanding of cultural factors that influence service access and delivery. -Must have excellent written and oral communication skills. -Needs working knowledge of computer operations and EHR.
Registrations, Certifications and/or Licenses:	Active Oregon RN License

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