



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING (CDA)

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TO: All Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) Providers
FROM: CBAS Branch
DATE: May 4, 2012
SUBJECT: Older Americans Month

Attached is a letter from Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Diana Dooley promoting awareness that May is "Older Americans Month."

Questions

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact the CBAS Branch at (916) 419-7545 or visit the California Department of Aging website:

- CDA ADHC website at <http://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/ADHC-CBAS/>

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State of California HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY



DIANA S. DOOLEY
SECRETARY

May 1, 2012

Area Agency on Aging Directors, MSSP Site Directors and CBAS Center Administrators,

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As Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, I am pleased to join with you in celebrating May as "Older Americans Month." This celebration is especially important to us in California, where we are home to more than four million Californians age 65 or older—more than any other state in the nation.

The theme for this year's celebration, "Never Too Old to Play," highlights the important role older adults have in sharing their experiences and talents with younger generations. It also emphasizes the important lessons they teach us in remembering to strive for a balance between achievement and enjoyment.

We have inspiring examples of extraordinary older individuals, who are not only setting new standards for aging with strength and dignity, but doing so with great energy and joy. Combined with ongoing advances in health care, technology, and education, they are more active and engaged than ever before. Older Californians are leading the way with outstanding creativity and amazing innovation—breaking barriers of what can be done and redefining what aging means.

Older Californians are making an unprecedented impact in our neighborhoods through important volunteer work. They are reaching out, leading by example, and joining organizations to plan, promote and implement better community and business development. Also, many more of them are dedicated to mentoring the leaders of tomorrow.

During the month of May, I encourage you to take time to recognize older Californians for the unique contributions they make within their communities that benefit California. I also want to extend my appreciation to each of you for the work you do to preserve and improve the quality of life for so many of our vulnerable older citizens, disabled adults and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana S. Dooley".

DIANA S. DOOLEY
Secretary