

2012-2017 Master Aging Plan Community Kick-off Event – Wednesday, October 5th

Whether you know a Boomer, caregiver, older adult or retiree – or are one yourself - the Orange County Department on Aging wants your help in planning the future for Orange County's older adults. Come to the **Master Aging Plan Community Kick-off Event at the Seymour Center on Wednesday, October 5th from 1-5pm!**

Did you know that there are as many adults age 55 and over as there are youth under the age of 18 in Orange County? The Orange County Department on Aging (OCDOA) is dedicated to providing quality programs and services for this growing older adult population and is gearing up to create a Master Aging Plan (MAP) for 2012-2017 to plan for the next five years.

WE NEED YOUR HELP in order to best serve the community with this MAP. How can we support the quality of life of Orange County's older adults and their families? This summer, we collected background information through focus groups, interviews, and surveys. Now is your chance to hear the results and provide feedback!

At the October 5th Kick-off Event, the OCDOA will share the community input received over the summer from county department directors, older adults and their families, and other Orange County leaders. **As a critical next step in the MAP planning process, attendees on October 5th will prioritize the issues and needs facing Orange County's older adults.** MAP work groups emerging from these prioritized topics will meet periodically through the winter to recommend specific goals and strategies to be included in the final plan.

Your participation in the Kick-Off Event and continued involvement in the work groups will **make a tremendous difference in the quality of life of our diverse population!** The two beautiful OCDOA facilities – the Seymour Center and Central Orange Senior Center – were the result of past MAPs. Just think of what can be achieved this time!

This opportunity doesn't come often, so don't miss your chance to contribute! We are looking for people with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences to help us plan our direction for the future. **For more information about how you can get involved in this process or to let us know that you will attend the MAP Community Kick-off Event, contact the Seymour Center at 919-968-2070 or email Janice Tyler, Director of the OCDOA, at jtyler@co.orange.nc.us.** If you would like to give your suggestions through our online survey, please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/perceptionsofaging>. Your opinion is important!

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