



Newsletter

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Linking the Generations to Strengthen Communities

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“The older population will continue to grow significantly in the future.” (U.S. Census, 2000 “Population Projections of the United State by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 995-2050)

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

First Talks

We have had a very productive summer, thanks to the cooperation and support of coalition member Sue Fryer Ward, Secretary for the Maryland Department of Aging. At the July Area Agency on Aging Directors’ meeting, the Coalition outlined its goals for supporting local agencies in promoting strategies to “link the generations and strengthen communities” by sponsoring **First Talks** sessions in several communities throughout the state.

The purpose of **First Talks** is to create an atmosphere which will enable community stakeholders to partner and identify needs that would benefit from the development of intergenerational cooperation.

We are excited about this innovative idea which was created during one of our Coalition meetings earlier this summer.

First Talks will further enhance our mission of “supporting opportunities for individuals, families and communities to enjoy and benefit from the richness of an age-integrated society.” The Coalition plans to facilitate **First Talks** sessions in six counties in Maryland beginning in October, 2002 and running through March 2003.

The September 24th Symposium “Getting Started: The Nuts and Bolts of Intergenerational Programs” is fast approaching. If you have an idea for an intergenerational program but don’t know how to begin, this workshop is for you. Come and learn how to INTERGENERATE!! We’ll be looking for you.

Charlie Culbertson, Chair

SPOTLIGHT...News Across the Region

CELEBRATING THE GENERATIONS

The Governors of 22 states, Generations United, National Association of Estate Planners and Councils and the American Council of Life Insurers have joined together to endorse The Intergeneration Foundation’s **3rd Annual Intergeneration Week beginning Monday, September 30th through Sunday, October 6th.**

According to Lisa Ruth, Executive Director, the Intergeneration Foundation, **October 6 is National Intergeneration Day.** “It is a time set aside to educate and inform individuals, families, and agencies about the benefits of intergenerational relationships and their importance to society.” Specifically, the

week long celebration is designed to:

- 1 Create a national time focusing on intergenerational experiences and issues;
- 2 Educate and inform individuals, families and organizations about the overall benefits of connecting generations through intergenerational programs and the importance to society;
- 3 Bring attention to intergenerational success stories; and
- 4 Encourage and inspire intergenerational programs and relationships.

“ We will support participating organizations by providing media packets, listing events on our web site, distributing brochures about Intergeneration Day, and linking the organizations with the national event,”

CENSUS 2000: GRANDPARENT-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS

The 2000 U.S. Census revealed that nationally there are 4.5 million children under the age of 18 living in grandparent-maintained households, and another 1.5 million children under 18 living in other relative-maintained households." This statement appears on the website of Generations United, the only national membership organization focused solely on promoting intergenerational policies, strategies, and programs. The GU website, which contains a wealth of valuable information, provides links to the latest Census data on grandparent caregivers. Go to www.gu.org, click on "Kinship Care" and then on "Update." Scroll down to "New Data from the U.S. Census."

A link to U.S. Census Table P28, "Relationship by Household Type of the Population Under 18," reveals a staggering statistic about our State: 17.8% of the children under 18 living in households in Maryland Congressional District 7 (Baltimore City and part of Baltimore County) live in grandparent-headed households. Moreover, Maryland District 7 has the 3rd highest percentage of children living in grandparent-headed households of all 435 Districts in the United States.

Maryland Congressional District 4, including significant portions of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, ranks 47th on the list of 435 Congressional Districts in the U.S., with 9.9 % of household children under 18 living in grandparent-headed households.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Corporation for National & Community Service announces the availability of Federal grant funds to support the Foster Grandparent Program in Washington, DC. The FGP involves people 60 and over in full time volunteer service in their community. Approximately \$763,504 per year is available in federal funds to support 171 volunteers. Contact Rosetta Freeman Busby, District of Columbia Program Director at 202/606-5000 ext. 485.

WEBSITES

These websites provide a rich offering of information on intergenerational programs, examples of existing programs, and resource guides for replicaition.

Center for Intergenerational Learning at Temple University: www.temple.edu/cil

Generations Together, University of Pittsburgh: www.gt.pitt.edu

Interages, Montgomery County Intergenerational Resource Center: www.interages.com

BALTIMORE MUSEUMS CELEBRATE GRANDPARENTS

In honor of Grandparents Day, the following Baltimore museums will be open all day to grandparents and their grandchildren **Free of Charge!!** Call for Sunday hours.

Babe Ruth Museum	410/727-1539
B&O Railroad Museum	410/752-2464
Baltimore Museum of Art	410/396-7100
Baltimore Museum of Industry	410/727-4808
Baltimore Public Works Museum	410/396-5565
Civil War Museum	410/385-5188
Evergreen House	410/516-0341
Great Blacks in Wax Museum	410/563-3404
Homewood House Museum	410/516-5589
Maryland Historical Society Museum and Library	410/685-3750
Top of the World Observation Level	410/837-8439
Walters Art Museum	410/547-9000

**SEPTEMBER 24TH SYMPOSIUM
GETTING STARTED: THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF INTERGENERATIONAL
PROGRAMS**

Get A JumpStart on the Future!!

*Do you have an intergenerational idea but don't know where to begin?
Are potential partners willing, but need direction?
Do you need to develop clearly defined goals and objectives?
Are you wondering, where can I research funding?*

If you need answers to any of the above, this Symposium is a **MUST** for you.

Symposium Speaker

**Jaia Peterson
Generations United**

at

Sheppard Pratt Conference Center

**8:30 A.M. Continental Breakfast
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Presentation & Panel Discussion**

All participants will receive a copy of the *How to Start Intergenerational Programs in Communities* Guide. The presentation will be followed by An Ideas Exchange—Your Opportunity to Listen and Learn about Successful Intergenerational Programs and Partnerships. The Weinberg Foundation Intergenerational Program Awards will be announced.

Complete the registration form and mail it today with your \$15 fee.

Symposium Registration

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

FED ID# 52-1851611

Make checks payable to MBRT-Ready At Five

Mail to: Ready At Five, 111 S. Calvert Street, Suite
1720, Baltimore, MD 21202

For more information call 410/727-6290.

Directions

Sheppard Pratt Conference Center

From the North

Take I-95 to I-695 West toward Towson. Take I-695 to exit 25, Charles Street South. Go South on Charles Street for 2.5 miles. The entrance to Sheppard Pratt campus is on the left through the stone gatehouse.

From the South

Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to I-95 North. Follow directions from above.

From the West

Take I-70 to I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) toward Towson. Follow directions from above.

MARYLAND INTERGENERATIONAL COALITION MEMBERSHIP

OOPS!!! MISSED THE DEADLINE?? THERE'S STILL TIME!!

Join Us as we expand and generate Intergenerational Programs in Maryland. The Maryland Intergenerational Coalition needs your active participation to help us complete the goals for the 2002-2003 year.

Select an interest:

- Help Develop Strategies to Promote Intergenerational Programs.
- Join Legislative Committee.
- Assist in Facilitating Start Up Intergenerational Programs.

Name: _____ Email: _____
Organization: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Join the team:

Membership fee: \$15

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