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Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/NewsInfo/Index.aspx>

NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

<http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday-update>

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WHCOA Phoenix, Ariz. Regional Forum

On Tuesday, March 31, the 2015 White House Conference on Aging will host a Regional Forum in Phoenix, Ariz. to engage with older Americans, their caregivers, advocates, community leaders and others on the key issues affecting older Americans.

The 2015 White House Conference on Aging will highlight the contributions of older adults today and help inform the landscape of aging policy for the future. The Phoenix Regional Forum is an important part of this dialogue.

The Phoenix Regional Forum is an opportunity to hear directly from you on key issues such as ensuring retirement security, promoting healthy aging, providing long-term services and supports, and protecting older Americans from financial exploitation, abuse and neglect.

Working in collaboration with the AARP and the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, a coalition of more than 70 of the nation's leading organizations serving older Americans, we want to ensure that your voice is part of our work.

The event is invitation only, however we will be live webcasting the event. So please visit www.hhs.gov/live-3 at 8:30 am MST on March 31 to view the live stream.

We also have set up a mechanism on our website for individuals, organizations, coalitions and others to submit comments, share stories, and provide thoughts about the issues. We value the input and ideas of older adults, their families, stakeholders, and others, and we think it is an essential part of the Conference process. Please visit our website here to learn more:

<http://whitehouseconferenceonaging.gov/blog/forum/page/white-house-conference-on-aging-phoenix-az-regional-forum.aspx>



Webcast Agenda

8:30 a.m. Program Begins

9:00 a.m. Administration Keynotes

9:25 a.m. Overview of the White House Conference on Aging and the Day's Objectives

9:40 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Healthy Aging/Long-term Supports and Services

10:45 a.m. Panel Discussion: Retirement Security/Elder Justice

11:45 a.m. Webcast ends

All times are Mountain Standard Time (MST)

RWJ Report: 6th Annual County Rankings

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute released the sixth annual [County Health Rankings](#) on Wednesday. The report is based on 30 factors, including education, housing, diet, exercise and jobs.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - A new report ranks Arlington County as Virginia's healthiest while Tazewell County is considered the least healthiest.

Check your county: [Interactive Virginia map](#)

Albemarle County is ranked as the second healthiest county, followed by Fairfax, Loudoun, and York. Henry, Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise are among the least healthy counties.

Other Hampton Roads localities in the report: James City County at #7, Poquoson ranks 16th, Virginia Beach comes in at 27, Chesapeake #40, Isle of Wight Co. ranks 41, Gloucester Co. at 44, Mathews is 49th on the list, Suffolk 57, Southampton Co. took the 64th spot, Hampton #68, Williamsburg #78, Newport News #80, Surry #97, Norfolk #100, Accomack Co. is #110, Portsmouth #118, Emporia #124.

Counties ranked low have more teen births, more smokers and more alcohol-related traffic deaths.

The report says the healthiest counties have better access to recreational opportunities, higher college attendance and fewer preventable hospital stays.

[2015 County Health Rankings](#)