



ECC'S SEPT. 2024 NEWSLETTER

NEWS AND EVENTS



It is with great sadness that we share former ECC Executive Director Larry Moolenaar passed away on Aug. 9th. Larry served as the Executive Director of ECC for about 4 years; his keen passion for advancing the region's communities' services and resources was epitomized through his leadership. His obituary may be found online at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/laurence-moolenaar-obituary?id=55834038>.



Kick-off for Regional Digital Inclusion Plan Held August 20th and 22nd: Kick-off events were held August 20th and 22nd in Craven County and Lenoir Counties, respectively. ECC is partnering with NCSU's Institute for Emerging Issues (NCSU IEI) and the NCSU Friday Institute for Educational Innovation on this initiative. Funding for this project is through the NC Department of Information Technology and The Camber Foundation.

Our initial objective is to assist participating jurisdictions in the creation of a regional plan that also recognizes the individual characteristics of our nine-county region. Subsequently, to cultivate using the digital inclusion plan to advance our region's efforts to increase broadband access and use, while reducing the digital divide.

Thanks to everyone who supported these events! We look forward to continuing this effort in collaboration with the counties, municipalities, and other partners in our region. Special thanks and appreciation shared with Craven Community College and the Town of La Grange for allowing us to hold these events in their facilities.



Regional Digital Inclusion
Presenter, Dr. Stella
Jackman-Ryan, at Craven



Craven County Small Group



Craven County
Participants - 24 attended
the Digital Inclusion Plan
Kick-off event.



La Grange - Small Group 1



La Grange - Small Group 2



La Grange Participants - 19 attended the Digital Inclusion Plan Kick-off event.



Search for Possible Stream Flooding in Real-Time - NC's

Department of Emergency Management provides North Carolinians with the Flood Inundation Mapping and Alert Network (FIMAN) to show current conditions and forecasted risks for flooding events (searchable by areas of interest and location). Visit and sign up at

<https://fiman.nc.gov/#/>.



USD-HUD Offers Resources for Radon Awareness: Radon, the odorless and colorless gas, emits from the ground and causes health risks. Be informed of preventive, long-term ways to protect properties and those who live and/or work in them. To explore videos that provide detailed information on radon gas, the process of testing for the presence of radon, and how to mitigate if high levels are detected, visit,

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/radon/?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=765c2c68b3-Radon-Explainer-Videos-08-14-24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-765c2c68b3-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D.



GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

Tues., Sept. 10th and Wed., Sept. 11th, 2024

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

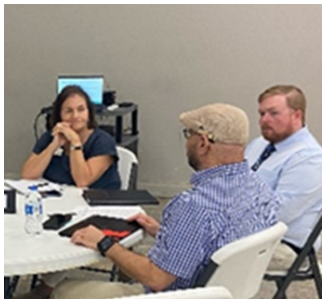
**ECC Board Room, 233 Middle St., 3rd Floor,
New Bern, NC 28563**

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Bring a laptop and an identified community need to learn about grant types, categories, terminology; new additions have been added to the course. You will research federal, state, and private foundations. Step-by-step the process will target potential grantors to offer the best match for the development of a compelling grant application.



Congratulations to Mickey Anderson, Who Has Been Promoted to Senior Transportation Planner.

He serves as the Transportation Planner for the Eastern Carolina Rural Planning Organization (ECRPO) and has done so for approximately 4 1/2 years. Mickey is also currently serving as the Down East Rural Planning Organization (DERPO) Transportation Planner on a temporary basis - due to a staff vacancy. Congratulations, Mickey!



ECC's Senior Community Planner Carlton Gideon Selected for the NC Rural Center's Homegrown Leadership Program.

Carlton Gideon will be participating in the Homegrown Leadership Program, which is a 3-day regional leadership and community economic development training program. This opportunity equips existing and emerging leaders with the skills to plan for and cultivate long-term and sustainable economic advancement in their community and

region. Congratulations, Carlton!

ECC HUMAN SERVICES - AGING



ECC Receives 2024 Aliceann Wohlbruck NADO Impact Award. To address food insecurity, ECC utilized American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide a grocery reimbursement up to \$500.00 (per household) to senior adults (60 years of age or older) in the 9-county region. The program involved a herculean effort for our entire organization.

The ECC Area Agency on Aging (AAA) advertised the program through our regional partners and social media. ECC hired temporary workers and integrated Finance staff to augment efforts associated with determining eligibility, reviewing and processing receipts, inputting data, and providing reimbursement checks. The entire staff did a tremendous job keeping up with all of the paperwork, phone calls, and seniors who submitted applications and receipts in-person for approximately 2,170 eligible applicants.

ECC could not have been as impactful without the partnerships from Carteret County DSS; Carteret County Senior Services; Coastal Community Action; Craven County DSS; Duplin County DSS; Duplin County Services for the Aged; Greene County DSS; Greene County Senior Center; Havelock Senior Center; Jones County DSS; Lenoir Council on Aging; Lenoir County DSS; Onslow County DSS; Onslow Senior Services; Pamlico County DSS; Pamlico County Senior Services; WAGES; Wayne County DSS; Wayne County Services on Aging. We greatly appreciate all our partners!

The annual Impact Awards program celebrates National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) members' efforts in advancing regional planning, economic development, resilience, and more. These projects have made significant impacts on their regions and demonstrate the diversity of services and program delivery provided by regional development organizations across the country. NADO is a national association that promotes regional development strategies, partnerships, and initiatives that strengthen economic competitiveness and quality of life within local communities across the nation. For more information, visit <https://www.nado.org/> and information regarding the 2024 NADO Award recipients, visit <https://www.nado.org/2024impactawards/>.



September is Senior Center Month - Powering

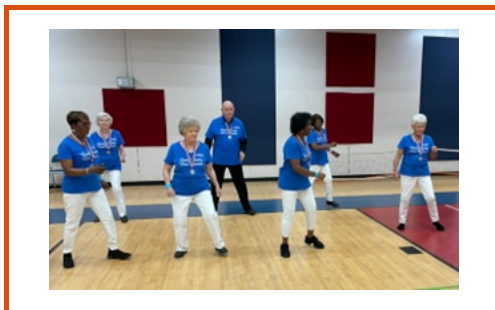
Connections: As a response to the changing dynamics of an aging population, the first formal Senior Center was established in New York in the 1940s. Designed to promote social interaction among older adults and to provide essential services, such as food, counseling, and educational activities.

In 1965 the Older Americans Act was pivotal to the formation of Senior Centers across America. With substantial federal funding, the act acknowledged the specific needs of the elderly and officially advocated for the establishment of centers where older adults could access essential services and activities within the community, resulting in more Senior Centers being created nationwide.

Every September, we celebrate National Senior Center Month. Every day, Senior Centers give aging Americans a place they can gather, find events, and improve their fitness and health. Many are supported through a mix of federal and state funding, generous donations from fellow members of the community, and the aid of volunteers.

There are nearly 11,000 Senior Centers across the United States, daily serving about 1 million older adults. In North Carolina there are over 170 Senior Centers in 95 counties - ten are in ECC's region. Please contact your local Senior Center to inquire how they are celebrating Senior Center Month, as well as their daily activities, programs, and services.

- Carteret Senior Services - CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, (252) 247-2626
- Craven County Senior Services, (252) 638-1790
- Havelock Senior Center - CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, (252) 444-6423
- Duplin County Senior Services, (910) 296-2140
- Greene County Senior Services – CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, (252) 747-5436
- Jones County Senior Center, (252) 448-1001
- Lenoir County Council on Aging – CENTER OF MERIT, (252) 527-1545
- Onslow Senior Services – CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, (910) 455-2747
- Pamlico Senior Services – CENTER OF MERIT, (252) 745-3488
- Wayne County Services on Aging – CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, (919) 731-1591



Senior Facilities and Providers Connected to the State Emergency Response Teams (SERT): ECC Human Services - Area Agency on Aging (HS-AAA) staff cultivated a link to this emergency communication framework-network to provide regional updates to ensure safety, food delivery, and on-going service care by preventing the loss of continued services in the event of threatening storms.



Social Security Celebrants its 80th Birthday! President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Bill into law on August 14, 1935. The Social Security Act established two types of provisions for old-age security: (1) Federal aid to the States to enable them to provide cash pensions to their needy aged, and (2) a system of Federal old-age benefits for retired workers. The first measure was designed to provide immediate assistance to destitute aged individuals. The second was a preventive measure intended to reduce

the extent of future dependency among the aged and to assure workers that their years of employment entitled them to a life income. For more information, visit

NC Seniors Encouraged to Visit New Scam and Fraud Resources Online: The state designed the New Scam and Fraud Resources to warn Seniors about potentially harmful phone calls and/or internet sites that are fraudulent. For more information visit, <https://socialbridgingnc.org/>.

Adjustments in Delivery of ECC's Area Agency on Aging Services: ECC has fine-tuned the delivery of our excellent Human Services – Area Agency on Aging (HS-AAA) services. Starting in July, HS-AAA staff were assigned specific counties for all programs, services, and support, including the Ombudsman and Program Consultant roles. It is beneficial to try new ways; the cross-training involved with this change has been and will continue to be beneficial to the organization; however, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Aging Consultant and Ombudsman roles are no longer combined. Currently their roles are - Angelia Pridgen is serving as Lead Ombudsman, Lauren Latshaw - as Ombudsman, January Brown - as Lead Program Consultant, and Amanda Young - as Program Consultant.

Thank you to our staff and providers as we explored this adjustment in the delivery of AAA services. ECC, our staff, and departments are committed to providing excellent services to our clients and communities in our region. Please reach out to AAA Director, David Rosado, or one of our AAA staff members for any questions about AAA services. Also, please reach out to ECC Executive Director, David Bone, or one of our other dedicated staff members for questions about other ECC services. The ECC Staff Directory is available at <https://eccog.org/staff/>.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS / EVENTS

ECC Senior Tar Heel Legislature Meeting, Sept. 9, 10:00, ECC offices.

ECC's Grant Writing Workshop, Sept. 10-11, 9:00-4:30, ECC Board Room.

ECC Executive Committee Meeting, Sept. 12, 6:00 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting, ECC Board Room.

DERPO TCC Meeting, Sept. 17, 10:00-11:30 AM, ECC offices & hybrid.

ECRPO TCC/TAC Meeting, Sept. 19, 9:30-11:30 AM, ECC offices.


DERPO TAC Meeting, Sept. 24, 10:00-11:30 AM, ECC offices & hybrid.

ECC Network BBQ / Social, Oct. 3, 5:30 PM, Craven County's Riverfront Convention Ctr. ~ SAVE THE DATE ~

ECC General Membership Board Meeting, Oct. 10, 6:00 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM Meeting, ECC Board Room.

RAAC Meeting, Oct. 14, 10:00 AM, ECC offices.

STHL Meeting, Oct. 14, 11:00 AM, ECC offices.





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