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Promoting aging with joy and eliminating aging in fear.

RESEARCH: Counseling and support services reduce depression in caregivers of patients with Alzheimer's Caregiver experience of depression or resentment is commonly thought to predict a higher incidence of abuse and neglect. Mittelman MS, Brodaty H, Wallen AS, Burns A, (2008). A three-country randomized controlled trial of a psychosocial intervention for caregivers combined with

pharmacological treatment for patients with Alzheimer's Disease: Effects on caregiver depression. *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry Vol. 16, 893-904.*

www.alzinfo.org/newsarticle/templates/newstemplate.asp?articleid=317&zoneid=2

REPORT: CMS Background Check Pilot Program Concerns about the protection of facility residents and consumers of personal care have prompted many communities to consider more rigorous screening of potential employees. Seven states selected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented various models of background check programs to screen employees of long-term care facilities, including home health and personal care agencies. Alaska, Michigan, and Wisconsin also evaluated abuse prevention training programs. Evaluation--Final Report

www.cms.hhs.gov/Reports/Reports/ItemDetail.asp?ItemID=CMS1215663

NEW DOWNLOADS: Multidisciplinary experts in the field have made their slides available (in Adobe pdf format) from the Elder Abuse and Neglect: Advancing the Field special day-long session at the recent ASA/NCOA Aging in America Conference.

www.centeronelderabuse.org/files/ASA-NCOA2009_ElderAbusePresentations.pdf

RAISING AWARENESS IN 2009: A sample of dates which provide opportunities to recognize issues related to elder abuse and neglect. Visit our homepage www.centeronelderabuse.org for links to a speaker toolkit and other resources from National Center on Elder Abuse, International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, and other organizations.

- **National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 26-May 2)**
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html
- **Older Americans Month (May)**

Administration on Aging:

www.aoa.gov/AoAroot/Press_Room/Observances/oam/oam.aspx

Facts from US Census: www.pueblo.gsa.gov/newsnotes/nn16519.htm

- **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15)** <http://inpea.net/weaad.html>

EDUCATION: National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA)/Texas Adult Protective Services Conference October 27-30, 2009 in San Antonio, TX

www.dfps.state.tx.us/adult_protection/adult_protective_services_conference/default.asp

DID YOU KNOW... the difference between delirium and dementia? Research Nurse Raciela B. Austin, RN explains, "Delirium is an acute, sudden change in mental functioning often caused by medications or infections. This is often reversible. Dementia is an acquired loss of cognitive or intellectual functioning that occurs over a long period of time. Delirium is a medical emergency." For more information, visit www.healthinaging.org/agingintheknow/chapters_ch_trial.asp?ch=57

GERIATRIC POCKET DOC Ever wish there was an easy-to-use reference guide for basic questions about geriatric medicine and elder abuse? Now there is! For more information visit www.centeronelderabuse.org/page.cfm?pgid=58

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