

## **News Release**

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### **Public Hearings on Plans for Senior Services**

The East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging will conduct a series of Public Hearings to inform older adults, persons with disabilities, family caregivers, grandparents and other relatives raising children, and other interested individuals and organizations about the proposed Amendments to the Area Plan for FY 2018.

#### **Public Hearing Schedule – Theme: Let’s Celebrate Our Senior Center Volunteers!**

##### **April 24, 2017**

10:00-11:30 a.m. CRIS Healthy-Aging Center, 309 North Franklin, Danville, IL 61832

2:00-3:30 p.m. Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green St., Champaign, IL 61820

##### **April 25, 2017**

10:00-11:30 a.m. LifeSpan Center, 11021 E. Co Road 800 N., Charleston, IL 61920

##### **April 27, 2017**

10:00-11:30 a.m. Decatur Macon County Senior Center, 1430 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Decatur, IL 62526

2:00-3:30 p.m. ECIAAA Large Conference Room, 1003 Maple Hill Road, Bloomington, IL 61705

The Public Hearings will present information about national, state and local initiatives, including:

- The proposed federal budget as released by the President for FY 2018.
- Proposed Older Americans Act funding for FY 2018 for services in Planning and Service Area 05, as allocated by Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA)
- Proposed Illinois Community Reinvestment Program as presented by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA)
- The funding crisis ECIAAA-Service Providers are experiencing based on the current Illinois Budget Impasse.

The Public Hearings will provide information about the Area Agency’s proposed plans, budget, funding formula, and priorities for community-based services for older adults and family caregivers, including: Coordinated Points of Entry/Senior Information Services, Transportation, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Individual Needs Assessments, Legal Assistance, Evidence-Based Health Promotion Programs, Counseling, Caregiver Advisory Services, Respite Care, the Elder Abuse & Neglect Program, and the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

The East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging is a non-profit organization, founded in 1972, and authorized under the federal Older Americans Act and the Illinois Act on Aging to plan and administer services for older adults, persons with disabilities, caregivers, and grandparents in 16 counties.

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