

# MCOA BRIEFS

Weekly News from your State COA Association

Friday, 10 April 2009

**The MCOA Advisory Council would like us to consolidate our individual member requests into a weekly format. MCOA has also begun to reduce our carbon footprint. Over the next three months we will put into motion procedures to go paperless, or as paperless as we can by July 1, 2009.**

**Thus, MCOA is publishing its first MCOA BRIEFS — Issue 10 April 2009.**

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- The latest monthly MCOA Newsletter, April 2009
- The Call for Presentations is now posted.

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**MCOA Briefs: Member Request — Wii Program:** We have received a donation to purchase the Wii program which will be used for our Supportive Day Program and the public. We are looking to learn from other's experience. Do you have good ideas for promotion? Please share how you secure the system- a rolling cart, lock and key etc. Do you have set hours or is it always available? Do people sign in? Anything you have learned will be helpful. Thank you.

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**MCOA Briefs: Grant Opportunity — FYI! Funding Available for**

**Neighborhoods to Improve Pedestrian Safety.** Grants of \$2,000 will be awarded to government agencies, nonprofits, and community groups working to improve the pedestrian safety and walkability of their neighborhoods.... Deadline: May 29, 2009 Posted: April 2, 2009

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=247900022](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=247900022)

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<http://www.mass.gov/dph/suicideprevention> / Blog: <http://publichealth.blog.state.ma.us>

**MCOA Briefs: Job Opening — Client Services Coordinator PT**

The East Bridgewater Council on Aging is seeking a part-time (19 hours) client services coordinator to work under the supervision of the Council on Aging Director. Duties include but are not limited to: answering phones, maintaining a database, scheduling and referring clients, coordination of Meals-on-Wheels, making home visits, referring clients to appropriate agencies, assisting clients with applications and making phone calls for reassurance.

**Qualifications:** Post high school degree in business, human services or human resources preferred; two years experience working at a Council on Aging; or equivalent combination of education and experience; knowledge of Medicare, MassHealth and private insurances, certified S.H.I.N.E. counselor preferred or willingness to be trained; driver's license; experience with Microsoft Office (or comparative software); excellent oral and written communication skills; experience dealing with elder issues; ability to work with the public on a daily basis and maintain confidentiality. **Salary:** \$15.60/hr.

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### **MCOA Briefs: Member Request — Outreach Worker PT salary?**

I would like to ask the COAs what they pay a part-time Outreach Worker. We're looking at 15 hours a week. This is a temporary position as the money comes from an Incentive grant and has to be used up by June 30. Christine Clish, Townsend — [ChrisC@townsend.ma.us](mailto:ChrisC@townsend.ma.us)

### **MCOA Briefs: For the Members — Hanging Files available**

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