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## The Link - August 2016



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## NEWS & RESOURCES

Know someone who has dedicated their personal or professional life to improving the quality of life for older adults or adults with disabilities? Nominate them today through Sept. 9, 2016, for the prestigious Betty Grandquist Lifetime Achievement Award: <https://www.iowaaging.gov/betty-grandquist-laa>

The University of Iowa's School of Social Work and Aging Studies Program has published an online booklet detailing the rules and regulations surrounding funerals and final arrangements in Iowa: [https://clas.uiowa.edu/sites/clas.uiowa.edu.socialwork/files/Final%20Arrangements%20Law%20Booklet\\_March%202016.pdf](https://clas.uiowa.edu/sites/clas.uiowa.edu.socialwork/files/Final%20Arrangements%20Law%20Booklet_March%202016.pdf)

As Election Day approaches, the following links offer good information for voters:

- Voting in Iowa: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/index.html>
- Voters with disabilities: [https://www.ada.gov/ada\\_voting/ada\\_voting\\_ta.htm](https://www.ada.gov/ada_voting/ada_voting_ta.htm)
- Voting by absentee ballot: <https://www.agingcare.com/Articles/absentee-ballot-seniors-who-cant-get-to-polls-152486.htm>
- ADA Checklist for Polling Places: <https://www.ada.gov/votingchecklist.htm>



## DISEASE PREVENTION/ HEALTH PROMOTION

Oral Health America's newly released report *A State of Decay* ranks Iowa 23rd in the nation in terms of the oral health of seniors: [http://b.3cdn.net/teeth/492f646d03c892b6aa\\_l6m6bj3ql.pdf](http://b.3cdn.net/teeth/492f646d03c892b6aa_l6m6bj3ql.pdf)



## FALLS PREVENTION

The Iowa Falls Prevention Coalition, with funding from the Administration for Community Living's Administration on Aging, recently produced a series of brief videos that describe how falls impact older adults and adults with disabilities, common fall

risks and tips to reduce those risks and prevent falls from occurring: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDkZS7KHOz\\_N89gWaqdwY2XKHFXDJ1B1G](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDkZS7KHOz_N89gWaqdwY2XKHFXDJ1B1G)

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## SENIOR EMPLOYMENT

Iowa topped the Region 5 charts for its performance in the U.S. Department of Labor's 2015 Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) block grant program. Download Iowa's 2016-2020 SCSEP State Plan:

<https://www.iowaaging.gov/sites/files/aging/documents/iowa%20SCSEP%20State%20Plan%202016.pdf>

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## ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has been working with federal and state administrators, researchers, service providers and others to develop the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS). Public comment on the proposed proposed collection of information for NAMRS will be accepted through Sept. 7, 2016:

[http://www.aoa.acl.gov/AoA\\_Programs/Elder\\_Rights/NAMRS/index.aspx](http://www.aoa.acl.gov/AoA_Programs/Elder_Rights/NAMRS/index.aspx)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Walk to End Alzheimer's

Various Dates (September-October 2016)

Various Locations (throughout Iowa)

[More Information](#) | [Register](#)

### 11th Annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Sept. 18, 2016

Des Moines Area Community College Campus (Ankeny, IA)

[More Information](#) | [Register](#)

### Elevate Respite: National Lifespan Respite Conference

Sept. 20-22, 2016

Sheraton Denver Downtown (Denver, CO)

[More Information](#) | [Register](#)

### Family Peer Support Specialist Training

Oct. 25-27 & Nov. 15-17, 2016

Gateway Hotel & Conference Center (Ames, IA)

[More Information](#) | [Register](#)

### Care for Caregivers: 2016 Conference

Nov. 3, 2016

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center (Johnston, IA)

[More Information](#) | [Register](#)



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*The mission of the Iowa Department on Aging is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long-term living and community support services that helps older Iowans maintain*

*health and independence in their homes and communities.*

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