

# OLDER INDIANS NEWSLETTER

## FALL 2021



### NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR TITLE VI DIRECTORS ONLY! *HOME MODIFICATION FOR THE AGING NETWORK: MEETING THE NEEDS OF TRIBAL ELDERS*

**Training begins 10/12. Registration closes on 10/8.**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

A [recent survey of Title VI programs](#) found that 66% of Title VI directors provide or refer out for home modification/repair services for their elders. At the same time, home modification remains a huge need for Title VI programs. The same survey found that home modification and repair was the most frequently reported unmet need for tribal elders, with 90% of surveyed directors indicating there are some or significant unmet needs for these services.

If home modification is a service your program provides, or if you're looking to learn more about home modification, please attend this free upcoming, online training. In the training you will:

- interact with your peers through listservs and discussion boards,
- learn about innovative home modification and repair programs and strategies relevant to Tribal elders; and
- earn a Certificate of Completion from the University of Southern California.

Topics will include:

- problems and solutions to create supportive home environments,
- policies,
- funding sources,
- partners and collaboration,
- assessment tools,
- home modification products and designs...and more!

To register for the Program [click here](#). Registration ends 10/8/21 and classes begin 10/12/21.

If you'd like to learn more, contact [homemods@usc.edu](mailto:homemods@usc.edu) or visit [www.homemods.org/acl](http://www.homemods.org/acl) for more information about this ACL-funded project.



## Upcoming Title VI Events

### Title VI Webinar

Keeping Meals Safe, Especially Home-Delivered Meals

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 2:00pm ET via Webex

[Webex Link](#)

Passcode: 1234

Audio conference: 415-527-5035

Access code: 2760 941 4750

### Title VI Afternoon Chats

Join our weekly Title VI Afternoon Chats during which we explore and discuss a variety of topics that affect the Title VI community.

Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET via Webex

Dial-in details change weekly, check our ACL/AoA Weekly Update email blast or <https://olderindians.acl.gov/events> for details each week.

## 2022 National Title VI Training and Technical Assistance Conference



**SAVE THE DATE**  
2022 National Title VI Training & Technical Assistance Conference

March 21-25, 2022

MGM National Harbor  
101 MGM National Ave  
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Registration & Discounted Lodging  
Details Coming Soon!

For additional information, please contact Melissa Szasz at [Melissa.Szasz@teyaservices.com](mailto:Melissa.Szasz@teyaservices.com) or 786-355-2548.

Join us for our 2022 National Title VI Training and Technical Assistance Conference on March 21-25, 2022 at [MGM National Harbor](#).

If you are interested in submitting an abstract to speak at the 2022 National Title VI Training & Technical Assistance Conference, please complete [this form](#) and submit to Teya Services at [laura.stevenson@teyaservices.com](mailto:laura.stevenson@teyaservices.com) by Monday, November 1, 2021.

Conference and Hotel Details are now available!  
[Click here](#) to view!

Registration and Agenda Coming Soon!

We are planning the conference in accordance with CDC and local guidance, and we will continue to monitor COVID-19 community transmission levels and vaccination rates and make any necessary adjustments to ensure the safety of participants. Stay tuned for additional information as the event approaches.

For more information on Upcoming Events, visit <https://olderindians.acl.gov/events> or contact contact Melissa Szasz at [Melissa.Szasz@teyaservices.com](mailto:Melissa.Szasz@teyaservices.com)

# Tribe of the Quarter

## Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin



The mission of the Department of Aging and Long-Term Care of the Menominee Indian Tribe is to respect and honor the traditions of our elders by providing services that promote independent living and enhance the quality of life. We have listened to the voices of the elders in the community to provide them the services that they need to promote their independence. Within our Aging division, we have the 12-resident Wolf River CBRF (Community Based Residential Facility), 2 meal sites that produce over 220 hot meals per day, a Long-Term Care program that case manages over 135 community members, an elder benefit specialist, a dementia care specialist, 2 elder support providers, a loan closet, and a caregiver program.

The Long-Term Care Program just celebrated its 3-year milestone of partnering with Lakeland Care to provide key services to our members. Through this third party agreement we are able to make use of and expand services for tribal members by utilizing Lakeland's provider network for needed services. These provider partners are the backbone to ensuring that members are able to live in the community they call home.

Despite challenges, we continue to promote and attempt to grow our caregiver programs. We have Title III and Title VI that support our efforts. We realize how important it is to document our work so that we can track the growth of community assistance. Our elder support providers are an active component that help caregivers with respite care and assess needs to support caring for their family members. They also perform chores, transportation, pharmacy delivery, and grocery shopping for the elders.

We have found that in-person outreach is the key for recruitment into our programs. Our most recent event was at our back-to-school night. We set up a table focusing on grandparents raising grandchildren. It was a great success, by offering school supplies to those grandparents that would fill out an assessment for our program.

We have also promoted multigenerational relationships by creating a pamphlet on smudging. It included the purpose, a prayer, and the steps in the process to assist the elder to teach future generations the traditional practice. Each participant received their own smudging supplies.

Another event was held at our fairgrounds where we created a drive-thru elder event called Live Well, Age Well, Be Well. We invited many entities throughout the reservation to come, set up a table and tent and promote healthy living to our elders. Each elder that came filled out a general Title VI assessment and received information and assistance and a healthy promotional item from each exhibitor.

Our department hosts Parkinson's support groups, Alzheimers and Dementia education sessions, evidence based caregiver trainings, book clubs, and other collaborative events in our community. We believe community engagement, proper support, and a healthy lifestyle are fundamental components in maintaining the independence of elders in the community.