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Long term Services and Supports for Loved Ones Topic of Annual Summit
Attendees should register by September 25

The Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) and AARP Arkansas are sponsoring the sixth annual Long Term Services and Support Policy Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at the Great Hall of the Clinton Presidential Library, 1200 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock 72201. Registration runs through September 25.

The event is free and lunch will be provided. Those who wish to attend can register online at http://aarp.event.com/LTSS1001 or by calling: 1-877-926-8300; give the operator Event Code “LTSS1001.” For additional information, contact Connie Parker with the DHS Division of Aging and Adult Services at 501-320-6570.

Over the past five years, the annual summits have led to more responsive and improved services, expanded training and improved data management that has helped guide policies and procedures, said Krista Hughes, director of the DHS Division of Aging and Adult Services. “System changes take a long time and the summits have helped us to progressively take steps to align our initiatives so that we achieve the maximum benefit from these changes.” AARP Board of Directors Chair Carol Raphael, a member of the bipartisan federal Commission on Long-Term Care, is the summit’s keynote speaker. “AARP is particularly committed to improving the ways family caregivers can help the ones they love,” said Maria Reynolds-Diaz, AARP Arkansas state director.

Speakers and topics at this year’s half-day event will include: What it Means to be a Caregiver, presented by Julie Mayberry, Arkansas State Representative-Elect and Andy Mayberry, Arkansas State Representative; The Benefits of Adult day services for Caregivers presented by Steven Zarit, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, Penn State University; and Strengthening Quality to Improve Results presented by Ray Foster, Ph.D., Director, Quality Review Service Institute. There will also be presentations by AARP-Arkansas and Arkansas Department of Human Services staff.

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