



# PROVIDER NEWSLETTER

***Do you have a new fax number?  
Be sure to notify ACMS!***

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## **Public Hearings Scheduled Public Hearing on Area Plan Aging Commission of the Mid-South July 1, 2010– June 30, 2011**

The Aging Commission of the Mid-South will conduct a Public Hearing in connection with the Area Plan on Aging and Disability for fiscal year 2011 for citizens in Planning and Service Area 9, covering the City of Memphis and Shelby, Fayette, Lauderdale, and Tipton Counties. The hearing will be held on:

Monday, March 15, 2010  
Goodwill Homes Senior Center at 10:00 am  
163 W. Raines Road  
Memphis, TN 38109

We are asking that comments be made in writing and either presented in person at the public hearing, faxed, or hand delivered to the Aging Commission of the Mid-South no later than Thursday, March 11, 2010 to:

**Aging Commission of the Mid-South  
2670 Union Avenue Extended, Suite 1000  
Memphis, TN 38112  
Telephone (901) 324-6333  
Fax (901) 327-7755**

## **What you need to know about the 2010 Census.**

Every year the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data. Each individual counted within our four counties brings approximately \$102.50 to the community.

Census data help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as meal programs and senior citizen centers. Census data also determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

Under counted populations are often those with the greatest need for services.

Please encourage participation in the 2010 Census. In-home workers are in a position to assist their clients in completing and returning the census questionnaire. This year everyone will receive a short form with only 10 questions.

To learn more about the 2010 Census visit [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov)



### **RFP Proposal Update:**

Thank you to all providers that submitted proposals in response to our RFP.

We hope to review all of these materials and respond by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

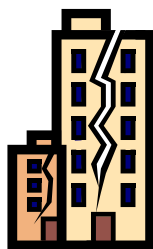
### **Emergency Preparedness**

We have seen the devastation that natural disasters can create in the news coverage of Haiti and Chile.

We need to ask ourselves are we prepared so that we may all better serve the seniors and disabled adults that depend on us.

In February of 2007 the American Public Health Association conducted an on-line National Opinion Survey to determine the Levels of Preparedness for a Public Health Crisis. Over 1000 individuals (general public, employers, school superintendents/principals, and local food bank, food pantry and soup kitchen managers) participated in the survey. It was found that:

- 32% have not taken any steps to prepare
- 87% have not done enough to prepare
- 14% have a 3-day supply of food, water, and meds
- 46% do not have a disaster supply kit
- 27% believe that the area where they live is likely to be affected in the next 1-2 years



### ***How do you think you would compare to the national average?***

We as health care providers and essential business providers have to be prepared. If you are not, then you will not be able to provide the assistance that the citizens of our area need during the time of an emergency

### ***Help your employees to be ready***

The attached 20 Weeks to Preparedness Calendar and Family Communication Plan will help your employees achieve the following objectives:

Your employees will be prepared for any emergency.

They will develop an emergency kit (home and vehicle)

They will develop a family communication plan

They will develop/test their home evacuation plan

They will have copies of important documents and they will document the contents of their home.

Your employees will be self-sufficient during an emergency.

Your employees will be more likely to respond / participate in your agency emergency response plan.

Your employees will improve their health, their families' health, and the health and well-being of our community during an emergency.

Please share this information.

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