



# Elder News

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### From the Director’s Chair...



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Great news!!! The Senior Centers are reopening. Governor Edwards authorized the reopening of Senior Centers, effective May 3, 2021. The message we are getting from the aging network is that seniors are happy to be back. Senior Centers are so much more than a place to get a meal. Many of the activities traditionally associated nationwide with senior centers, such as meal and nutrition programs; information and assistance; health, fitness and wellness programs; transportation services; public benefits counseling; employment assistance; volunteer and civic engagement opportunities; social and recreational activities; educational and arts programs; and intergenerational programs happen at Senior Centers in Louisiana. Services and activities differ by parish. Senior Centers, recognized by the Older American Act as a community focal point, serve as a gateway to the nation’s aging network—connecting older adults to vital community services that can help them stay healthy and independent. In Louisiana, we have at least one senior center in each of the 64 parishes. Base funding for these senior centers come from the state of Louisiana through the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs. Research shows that older adults who participate in senior center programs can learn to manage and delay the onset of chronic disease and experience measurable improvements in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental, and economic well-being. Research shows that compared with their peers, senior center participants have higher levels of health, social interaction, and life satisfaction. The goal now is to keep the Senior Centers opened.

We need your help—get **VACCINATED!!!**

## Grants Awarded in 2021

ADRC COVID 19	\$ 755,454
ADRC Vaccine	\$ 392,836
EPS COVID Response & Relief	\$ 1,211,268
EPS American Rescue Plan	\$ 1,110,372
Expanding Access to COVID 19 Vaccines	\$ 666,493
MIPPA	\$ 417,869
Ombudsman Regular	\$ 977,088
Ombudsman Cares Act	\$ 266,838
Ombudsman COVID Supplemental	\$ 53,319

GOEA has been awarded the following through the America Rescue Plan funding:

◆ Home and Community Based Services	\$ 6,101,079
◆ Congregate Meals	\$ 3,978,965
◆ Home Delivered Meals	\$ 5,968,447
◆ Evidence Based Wellness	\$ 583,581
◆ Caregiver Support	\$ 1,856,267
◆ Long Term Care Ombudsman	\$ 132,632

## The Louisiana Executive Board on Aging

The Louisiana Executive Board on Aging (LEBA) is an organized board that consists of appointed members from the Governor and the Louisiana Legislature. The LEBA board functions as an entity to advise, report and recommend matters of relevance to the elderly of Louisiana. Stephen E. Pugh of Ponchatoula has been appointed. Mr. Pugh is a former member of the Louisiana House of Representatives. He will represent the 1st Public Service Commission District. Ricco A. Thomas of Addis has been reappointed. Mr. Thomas is a retired district manager for the United States Government. He will represent the 2nd Public Service Commission District. Emily G. Tilley of Baton Rouge has been appointed. Ms. Tilley is clinical director for the O'Brien House. She will represent the 3rd Public Service Commission District. The next scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on September 14, 2021. The meeting will take place at 10am, in the Pensacola Room of the Galvez Building. The address is 602 North 5th Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802. The LEBA members are listed below.

**Noah Aguiard**  
**Huey Beverly**  
**Terry Courville**  
**Grace Garon**  
**Mona Cravins**  
**Leslie Keen—Chairman**  
**Ann Keene**



**Donald Mallet**  
**Stephen Pugh**  
**Ricco Thomas**  
**Emily Tilley**  
**Blanche Wilks**  
**Worlita Williams**

# In the Spotlight

## The Ascension Council on Aging :

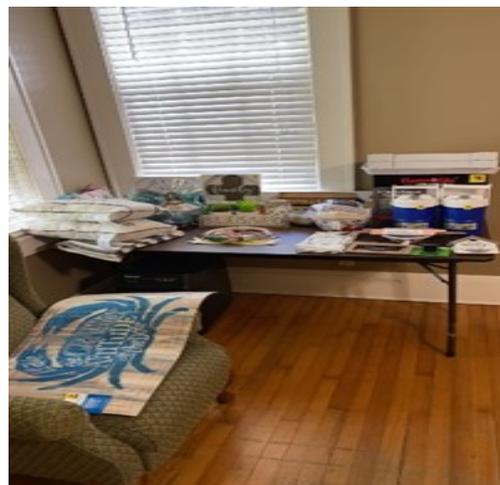
Mr. Gail Richardson turns 102 years old on July 21st & Mrs. Patsy Richardson turns 100 years old on September 4th .

Mr. & Mrs. Richardson also won the title of 2021 Louisiana’s Longest Married Couple. They will celebrate their 81st Anniversary on September 1, 2021!



## The East Carroll Council on Aging:

Celebrated Older American’s Month by serving clients a “Cinco De Mayo” themed meal and delivering what they like to call “Happies”.



**Ms. Emerson delivering meal to Ms. Lucille Estrada**

**“Happies” that were delivered to the clients**



**Mr. Wayne Avery from Shreveport came to the East Carroll Council on Aging on May 11th and served fried fish with all the trimmings for the clients.**



**The East Feliciana Council on Aging:**

Celebrated Older American’s Month by providing First Aid Kits to seniors on the meal route.



## The Franklin Council on Aging:

Celebrated Older American's Month with a party, clients played bingo and received prizes.



**Seniors of Franklin COA**

**Employees of Franklin COA**



**Bingo Prizes**



**The Lafourche Council on Aging:**

**Mr. Hudson Foret turned 100 years old on May 16th**



**The Natchitoches Council on Aging:**



**Mr. John Presley Jackson turned 102 years old on February 12th**



**Mr. Seab Anderson Horn turned 104 years old on June 15th**

## The New Orleans Council on Aging:

Wakin' Bakin' Restaurants hosted a fundraising event on Thursday, April 29, 2021. From this event, Wakin' Bakin' was able to raise \$500.00 for the Nutrition Program at the New Orleans Council on Aging.



## Are You Prepared for Hurricane Season?

For tips on getting prepared you can visit:  
[www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)



The word "WELCOME" is written in large, colorful 3D letters. Each letter is held up by a small white figure with a grey head, standing on a white surface. The letters are colored: W (red), E (orange), L (yellow), C (light green), O (yellow-green), M (green), and E (dark green).

***Join us in welcoming our new  
team members!***

Lora Anthony  
Crystal Bobb  
Kentrell Boyd  
Jody Shepard

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