Aging

So Now What...? Managing Life After Retirement – When individuals begin thinking about retirement, their thoughts generally revolve around their financial capability to do so. However, retirement can bring more challenges and opportunities than finances. This lesson will discuss the social implications of retirement and things to consider before and after you retire, as well as tips on how to stay active and engaged after your work duties have ended.

Alzheimer’s 101 – One in three Kansas seniors will die from Alzheimer’s disease. This lesson provides understanding the disease, the 10 warning signs, benefits of early detection and diagnosis, and steps to better brain health.

Grey for a Day – This program educates the participants on age related sensory and function challenges that older adults may face in daily life. For example, hearing loss, arthritis, vision problems, etc. This program uses an interactive kit that simulates functional decline.

Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate - Learn how to distribute non-titled heirlooms without starting a family feud. Suggestions for planning to distribute your belongings will be discussed.

Medicare Basics – Making the transition to Medicare? Learn the four parts of Medicare and how to choose the healthcare coverage you need. Medicare A, B, C(Advantage), D and Medigap(supplement) will be discussed.

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Home & Family

**Everyday Mindfulness** - Mindfulness is described as an awareness of the present moment, new research says it can help to calm you down, relieve stress, improve physical and mental health. It can also help you to be less judgmental. Simple mindfulness exercises will be introduced that can be incorporated into everyday living.

**Bonding with Board Games** - This research-based program’s objective is to teach families how to interact, communicate and connect as a group through Euro board games. This activity reinforces the six characteristics of a strong family by increasing: quality time, appreciation, effective communication, values and convictions, coping skills and commitment. This 2-hour program is available for free to community groups.

**Cleaning Healthy, Cleaning Green** - People spend 90 percent of their time indoors. Studies by the EPA show levels of pollutants to be 2 to 5 times higher inside homes than outside. Many of these pollutants come from household cleaning products. Indoor pollutants can be reduced by limiting the number of chemicals used indoors. With these guidelines you can improve your indoor environment, save money and help conserve natural resources.

Financial Programs

**Insurance 101 Program** – Health insurance is important but choosing the best plan for you and your family can be complicated. This program offers tools to give you confidence and help to build smart insurance shopping skills. (Smart Choice Insurance)