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Nationally Recognized Leader in the Aging and Disabilities Fields to Address Joint Meeting of CCoA and SILC

Dr. Fernando Torres-Gil, former Assistant Secretary for Aging under the Clinton Administration and current Obama appointee to the National Council on Disability, will address a joint meeting of the California Commission on Aging (CCoA) and the State Independent Living Council (SILC) at their joint meeting in December. Addressing the issues of advocacy and shared values between the two groups, Torres-Gil will be the keynote speaker for the CCoA/SILC public meeting scheduled for December 7, 11:00 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel San Francisco Airport in Burlingame. This meeting marks the third time that SILC and CCoA have met together to identify issues of concern to both constituencies. Previous efforts by the two state organizations have focused on accessible housing. For more information contact SILC at (916) 445 – 0142 or CCoA at (916) 419 -7591.

November Declared National Family Caregivers Month

Recognizing the importance of family caregivers and the vital role they play in the care of loved ones, President Barack Obama has proclaimed November as National Family Caregivers Month. The President's Middle Class Task Force has identified support for family caregivers a priority for the Administration, which encourages businesses to extend their support through flexible work arrangements and paid leave for family caregivers. A full copy of the proclamation can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/10/29/presidential-proclamation-national-family-caregivers-month>



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CCoA Participates in Forum on Rural Long-Term Care

Vice Chair Hav Staggs and CCoA staff presented the Commission's report on Rural Health Access for Older Adults before the Long-Term Care Subcommittee of the California Little Hoover Commission (LHC) on November 3, 2011. As part of the LHC study of California's long-term care system, the Committee heard from Sandra Willburn, of the California Office of Primary and Rural Health Care, California Department of Health Care Services, as well as rural providers from throughout the state.

The CCoA report, Rural Health Access for Older Adults, can be found at www.ccoa.ca.gov/publications.htm.

Long-Term Care Fact Sheets Released

The SCAN Foundation recently released six fact sheets compiling figures from the state of California that provide basic information on long-term care. Each easy-to-read fact sheet presents a critical long-term care issue, highlights main points in bulleted format, and provides a comprehensive list of citations.

Themes include:

- [Demographic & Economic Characteristics of California's Aging Population](#)
- [Who Needs and Uses Long-Term Care in California?](#)
- [Growing Demand for Long-Term Care in California](#)
- [Where is Long-Term Care Provided in California?](#)
- [Who Provides Long-Term Care in California?](#)
- [Who Pays for Long-Term Care in California?](#)

The fact sheets can be found on The SCAN Foundation website at www.thescanfoundation.org/sections/foundation-publications.

Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures in California: Current Status and Future Projections

A new report posted by the State Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee projects dramatic increases in Alzheimer's disease in California over the next 20 years. The 2010 report *Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures in California: Current Status and Future Projections* predicts that the baby boomer generation is as likely to define our state's future as it has California's past. As this enormous demographic group ages and lives longer than previous cohorts, a significant increase is expected in the numbers of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Compiled by the US San Francisco Institute for Aging and Health, the report provides an overview of the full range of implications on families, our state's human service infrastructure and its economy. The next meeting of the State's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee will be November 17 in Sacramento. The Committee was established in 1998 to advise the Administration and Legislature on Alzheimer's disease-related issues and public policies. Information on the meeting and a listing of publications is found at <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/initiatives/Pages/Alzheimer'sAC.aspx>.

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National Elder Justice Act Expert to Speak in Los Angeles

Bob Blancato, President of Matz, Blancato & Associates, Inc., will be speaking at the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) Conference in Los Angeles later this month. On Tuesday, November 16, Blancato is scheduled to address the Triple-A Council of California at 10:30 a.m. on the federal Elder Justice Act.

Blancato currently serves on the Executive Committee of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and served as the organization's president from 2000-2005. He is currently the Executive Director of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, and the National Coordinator of the Elder Justice Coalition (2003-present). The C4A Conference will be held at the Marriott Los Angeles

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Upcoming Events

The California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) will hold its Annual Meeting and Allied Conference on November 15th—17th in Los Angeles. This year's conference will have an older adult mental health focus. Additional information is at www.c4a.info.

The California Commission on Aging will hold a joint meeting with the State Independent Living Council December 7 -8 in Burlingame.

Register now for the [2011 Aging in America](http://www.agingconference.org/AiA11/index.cfm) conference: April 26 – 30, 2011 in San Francisco. Reduced rate registration is available on or before Dec. 15, 2010. Information and registration materials can be found at <http://www.agingconference.org/AiA11/index.cfm>.

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