

TCOG's ADRC Announces New Educational Series

SHERMAN, JUNE 6, 2018 – Dr. Susan Thomas, Executive Director of Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG), announced today the start of a new educational series provided by TCOG's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). By featuring unique resources each month, the ADRC of Texoma brings value to the community by educating older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers and professionals about resources that benefit them and relieve their families.

To kick off the series, the ADRC facilitated a presentation and live demo, showcasing captioning telephones, special telephones that ensure phone conversations are clearly understood, by displaying text of conversations in near real-time on a large color touchscreens while also amplifying voice so users can see and hear what callers are saying.

"Phone conversations for people with hearing loss can be frustrating," said Thomas. "ADRC has teamed up with ClearCaptions to improve the accessibility of captioning telephones so that people may access this resource with greater ease."

"Connecting services and options to those who most need them is a multi-step process," said ADRC Program Manager Janet Karam, "It involves scouting for resources, building them into our database, assisting callers, providing referrals, and educating the public."

The ADRC fosters strong partnerships with providers of services and options benefiting older adults, caregivers, Veterans and people with disabilities. To learn more and get involved, contact the ADRC at (855) 937-2372.

The next meeting in this series covers the care practice information and will be presented by the Alzheimer's Association. It will be held on Thursday, July 26th from 2:30pm – 4:30pm at TCOG's offices in Sherman.

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security and criminal justice.

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