

2023 Aging and Safe Driving Symposium

May 15 – 19, 2023.

- Explore how the aging process affects aging drivers
- Learn effective methods for interacting with and evaluating aging drivers
 - Examine appropriate referral options for aging drivers
- Understand the data and dispel preconceived notions about aging and driving
 - Be sensitive to age-related changes

All sessions require pre-registration. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the session.

Monday, May 15, 2023, 10:00-11:15 a.m.

Driver Rehabilitation

Lakisha Gray, MSOT, OTR/L, CLT, CPAM, CDRS, Shepherd Center Driving Program

Lakisha Gray, MSOT, OTR/L, CLT, CPAM, CDRS has worked in the field of Driver Rehabilitation since 2019 at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA. She has been a practicing Occupational Therapist since 2011 and has experience working with a variety of diagnoses. She has worked in multiple settings including inpatient, acute care, and outpatient. She is currently a member of ADED.

Shepherd Center's driver evaluation consists of a clinical evaluation plus an on-road test, to answer questions like:

- *is this client ready to drive, with or without adaptive equipment?*
- *is this client ready to participate in a training-to-licensure program?*
- *are other interventions necessary to build skills for future driving? (for example, cataract surgery?)*

The program works with diagnoses including spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, stroke, cognitive impairment, visual deficits, age-related deficits, and amputations; with new drivers who have disabilities such as MS or spina bifida. Shepherd also evaluates drivers seeking to regain their license after revocation; if the client "passes" the test, the doctor completes the DDS form and the client can take the DDS road test.

Come learn about the many options available to drivers who need assistance and the sometimes surprising world of on-road testing!

Intended audience: Drivers aged 55 and older and their families and care partners; health care providers; students in health care, public health, and social service professions; interested general public.

When: May 15, 2023, 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Aging & Driving Symposium: Driver Rehabilitation

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Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Approaching Alzheimer's: First Responder Training / Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia

Kim Franklin, MHA, Sr. Manager, Programs & Services, Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter

John Clark, Alzheimer's Association Community Educator, Gwinnett County Search & Rescue Volunteer, CIT Volunteer Instructor

Kim Franklin has over 16 years of experience working in the nonprofit sector, she is currently The Senior Manager of Programs and Services for the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter. An accomplished volunteer leader, Kim provides strategic development, implementation, and oversight of volunteer powered-service delivery with the Association. Kim works to empower volunteers in each of her service areas to help move the mission of the Alzheimer's Association forward. She received her undergraduate degree from Kennesaw State University and her Masters of Health Administration at The University of Cincinnati with specializations in health and human services and nonprofit management.

John Clark is a longtime volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association. He has been a Search & Rescue responder for 18 years and currently serves as a civilian volunteer for Gwinnett County Search & Rescue and as an instructor for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center's (GPSTC) Critical Incident Training (CIT) in response to missing persons with Alzheimer's/dementia. He is certified by the National Association for Search & Rescue (NASAR) as a SARTECH III, is a member of the Gwinnett County Citizens Corps Council and a board member of the Gwinnett Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. He works for iHeart Radio as the Director of the Georgia News Network and is a resident of Johns Creek, GA.

Make your first response the right response. The Alzheimer's disease epidemic continues to grow. As a first responder, it's critical to be prepared to face it in your community. People with Alzheimer's or another dementia can unknowingly put themselves and others in dangerous situations. Understanding the disease is key to ensuring you make the right response. You'll learn common signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, how to recognize a person who may be affected by it, and how to effectively interact with them in situations such as wandering or confusion while driving. We'll also address search and rescue issues around persons with Alzheimer's and the importance of a safety plan for family and caregivers. POST and EMS credit provided.

Intended audience: First responders (law enforcement, fire, EMS, search and rescue); families, care partners, and others serving people with Alzheimer's or other dementia; students in health care, public health, and social service professions; interested public.

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Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 1:00-2:00

Aging & Driving Symposium: Engaging in Traffic Safety for Older Adults: National Resources with State/Local Relevance

Presenters:

Alex Cabral, M.P.A., Deputy Regional Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Region 4

Taylor Bee, M.P.H., Highway Safety Specialist, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Jane Rath, Program Manager, Clearinghouse for Older Road User Safety

There is a wealth of information available to help engage in addressing safety among older road users but sometimes finding what you need can be difficult. Join us to learn about national resources that

have state and local relevance to program development, outreach and education. Also, during the session we will explore data, tools, materials and other information available to support your efforts in older road user safety.

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Topic: Aging & Driving Symposium: ChORUS, The Clearinghouse for Older Road User Safety

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Wednesday, May 17, 10:00-11:45

Introduction to the Clinician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers

Elin Schold Davis, OTR/L, CDRS, FAOTA, Practice Manager, Workforce Capacity & Engagement, The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Elin Schold Davis has coordinated the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) Older Driver Initiative since its inception in 2003. She is a registered/licensed occupational therapist (OTR/L) and a certified driving rehabilitation specialist (CDRS). Her experience in long term care, adult rehabilitation, minor brain injury program development, interactive driving simulation and driving rehabilitation led her to AOTA to engage in initiatives to build capacity to address driving and community mobility as an instrumental activity of daily living.

Ms. Schold Davis has authored articles and lectured nationally and internationally on the topics of cognitive rehabilitation, driving rehabilitation and community mobility. She has worked extensively with practitioners, partners and stakeholders committed to building a network of services. She serves as AOTA's administrator of the CarFit collaboration between AAA, AARP and AOTA, is a member of the editorial board for The American Geriatric Society's Clinician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers (Edition 4, 2019) and serves as a subject matter expert to ChORUS, a national clearing house for older driver resources sponsored by NHTSA and the Federal Highway Administration.

Healthcare providers involved in the care of older adults need office-based tools to screen for medical and functional issues which may affect driving safety, assess impairment and driving risk, intervene to optimize functional ability through treatment, refer appropriately for specialized care and driving rehabilitation, and offer support through resources and counseling for planning transition from driving if necessary. The Clinician's Guide, published by the American Geriatrics Society in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is designed to offer a wealth of resources to address these needs.

Come learn from a member of the Guide's editorial board about what the Guide offers and how to use it! The session will include opportunities for questions and discussion.

Intended audience: Health care providers involved in the care of drivers aged 55 and older; students in health care and allied health professions.

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Wednesday, May 17, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

A Focus on Pedestrian Safety for Older Adults

Ron Knezevich, State Pedestrian and Bicycle Engineer, EIT, Georgia Department of Transportation

Ron Knezevich is a traffic engineer who specializes in data science and currently works as the pedestrian bicycle coordinator for the state of Georgia. Ron continually strives to utilize emerging technologies such as connected infrastructure alongside data analytic techniques to decrease roadway fatalities and injuries and improve travel experience for all ages and abilities.

As the proportion of seniors in our population increase, it is critical to ensure a walkable and safe environment. This session will begin with a review crash trend related to an aging population and how review how aging affects the risk of severe pedestrian crashes. Then, we will discuss methods to identify these high priority locations in a community. Next, we will discuss various age friendly roadway designs for pedestrians. Finally, helpful tips for pedestrians to navigate the roadway safely will be provided. Come learn what you can do to make walking safer for yourself and your community!

Intended audience: Pedestrians aged 55 and older and their families and care partners; professionals who serve this age group; students in health care, public health, and social service professions; planners and others involved in community traffic safety.

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Thursday, May 18, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Designing Roadways for the Aging Population

Mark Doctor, PE, Senior Safety & Design Engineer, Federal Highway Administration

Mark Doctor is a senior safety and design engineer in the FHWA Resource Center. Mark provides technical services and advances technology deployment in performance-based safety and design areas. He holds an M.S. degree in transportation engineering from the University of Florida.

Many highway design and traffic control elements can be improved to better meet the aging population's needs. Safety improvements designed with older drivers in mind can benefit all road users! Come learn about key design and operational strategies that agencies can implement to improve safety and mobility for those age 65 and up.

Intended Audience: Transportation professionals who plan, design, review, recommend, and/or approve transportation projects, as well as operating and maintaining streets and roads.

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Topic: Aging & Driving Symposium: Designing Roadways for the Aging Population

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Friday, May 19, 2023, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Move More, Fall Less

Elizabeth Head, MPH, Deputy Director, Healthy Aging Manager, Georgia Department of Public Health: Injury Prevention Program

Megan Passineau, MPH, CORE SIPP Implementation Specialist, Georgia Department of Public Health: Injury Prevention Program

Elizabeth Head's area of expertise is aging and injury prevention. She earned her master's degree in Public Health from Georgia State University. She has worked with in public health for seventeen years. As deputy director for the Injury Prevention Program at the Georgia Department of Public Health, Elizabeth coordinates the B-SEEN project for Georgia, funded by CDC. This project aims to incorporate public health into dementia, including Alzheimer's work happening in the state. In addition, she manages highway safety grants staff and Injury Prevention Program staff working on projects across the lifespan. She has worked with national, state, and local partners on a variety of injury topics including fire prevention, drowning prevention, older adult driver safety and fall prevention. Elizabeth spends her free time enjoying quality time with her family.

Megan Passineau, MPH, is the Implementation Specialist for the CDC funded Core SIPP grant with the Georgia Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Program. In this role, she coordinates and evaluates programmatic efforts across 4 focus areas; Motor Vehicle Safety, ACEs, TBI, and Fall Prevention. Megan recently developed an innovative fall prevention initiative, the Fall Prevention Nature Walk, inspired by the Let's Move Libraries StoryWalk® Campaign. Megan has collaborated with state and local partners on projects across the state on fall prevention, and child passenger safety. Megan received her bachelor's degree in health sciences from Concordia University Wisconsin and her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. Megan is a Wisconsin native and recent Atlanta transplant who enjoys baking and spending time at the beach with her family and friends.

In the United States, 28% of adults aged 65 and older report falling each year, resulting in approximately 36 million falls and 8 million fall-related injuries each year. Most falls are preventable. Falls are NOT an inevitable part of aging. In fact, managing your risk of a fall could help you be safer while driving a car and help you have a healthier brain! Join us to learn how strength and balance exercises, managing medication, and creating a safe living environment can prevent falls. Participants will also hear from experts on the connection between fall prevention strategies, brain health and drivers' safety. The session will conclude with a review of available resources and an open group discussion.

Intended audience: Drivers aged 55 and older and their families and care partners; students in health care, public health, and social service professions; interested general public.

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Friday, May 19, 2023, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Georgia Department of Driver Services Medical Review Process: Driving Safety for All Ages

Lotherone Grier, Assistant Manager, Regulatory Compliance Division/Medical Review Unit, Georgia Department of Driver Services

Lotherone Grier is the Assistant Manager for the Medical Review Unit of Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS), Regulatory Compliance Division. She has been with the Department of Driver Services (DDS) for over five years. She currently serves as an agency representative for the State's Older Driver Safety Task Force. Lotherone Grier is a native of Louisiana and a true New Orleans Saints fan. Upon settling in the state of Georgia, Lotherone has held several state positions. She has been employed by the Georgia Department of Labor and the Department of Family and Children Services. She is determined to lead the Medical Review Unit into the future with great success!

In Georgia, medical professionals, family members and others who are concerned that a driver may be unsafe can refer them for medical review.

This session will introduce the medical review form and process, describe the Georgia Drivers' License Advisory Board and its work, explain the different possible outcomes of a medical review, and give audience members the opportunity for questions.

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