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Community Resource Fair

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Senior Services Department Nominated for Three National Awards *San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services recognized for innovative approach to serving County residents*

San Bernardino, Calif. – Meeting the diverse needs of seniors and residents who no longer can care for themselves takes a team with a variety of backgrounds and approaches. Led by the Department of Aging and Adult Services, San Bernardino County has brought a team of adult-services experts together to determine how to best serve seniors and ensure the highest possible quality of life.

The department provides services to seniors and at-risk individuals to improve or maintain choice, independence, and quality of life. The department works to ensure seniors and adults with disabilities have the right to live their years in the least restrictive environment.

Because of its efforts, the department has been nominated for three National Association of Counties awards at the association's Legislative Conference, March 6 to 10 in Washington, D.C.

The department won a NACO award in 2009 for its "We Can" program, which gives county seniors an opportunity to keep active by competing in virtual bowling leagues and tournaments using the Nintendo Wii system.

This year, the department is nominated for its Public Guardian Multi-Disciplinary Team, which brings a variety of county services together to help seniors stay independent or find a way to best live their remaining years.

NACO is also being nominated for the department's Inter-Disciplinary Staffing Approach, which draws from different health and social service groups to ensure seniors already in conservatorship get the best possible care.

Lastly, the department is nominated for its senior arts program, encouraging creativity among San Bernardino County seniors while strengthening cognition.

DAAS will be showcasing the "We Can" program at the inaugural **At Your Service Community Resource Fair on Thursday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga.**

The County of San Bernardino is producing the At Your Service Community Resource Fair to help residents better connect with the programs that can improve the quality of their lives. Offering free games, demonstrations and services for children, adults and seniors, the all-day event is the first of its kind for the county.

For more information about the San Bernardino County **At Your Service Community Resource Fair**, please call 888-818-8988 or visit www.sbcounty.gov

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