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NE211 Web Site Includes Information for Older Nebraskans

LINCOLN, Neb. (May 10, 2007) – President Bush proclaimed May 2007 as Older Americans Month, highlighting this year’s theme, “Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future.” Nebraskans can go to www.ne211.org, an online resource for statewide human services information, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to find out about programs that provide services to older persons. Aging services include: senior centers, foster grandparent programs, job search/placement, home delivered meals, companionship, fraud prevention, blood pressure screening, and senior ride programs. Information on services provided by each of the eight Nebraska Area Agencies on Aging can be located at www.ne211.org.

NE211.org is the web-based sister to 2-1-1, the three-digit phone service that connects callers looking for human services information to a certified resource specialist. Dial 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in 36 Nebraska counties and eight counties in southwest Iowa. Dial 2-1-1 offers interpretation assistance for more than 150 languages. Cell phone users can reach the 2-1-1 call center by dialing (402) 444-6666.

“Through 2-1-1 Nebraskans have two convenient ways to find aging and other human services information -- on-line at www.ne211.org and dial 2-1-1,” said Nancy Shank, the associate director of the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center. “Both are free and confidential and include information on specific programs that provide such services as food pantries, shelter, support groups, counseling, financial assistance, job training, adult day care, respite care, child care, family support and volunteer opportunities.”

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