Funding Template for Plus 50 Programming Now Available
As growing numbers of community colleges respond to the need for workforce development and lifelong learning opportunities for plus 50 students, they are seeking funding to support their efforts. The American Association of Community Colleges compiled a funding template to help guide plus 50 program administrators and advocates in developing grant applications. It describes the groundwork to cover before submitting grant applications, provides questions to consider in developing application content, and offers background information on the AACC Plus 50 Initiative to support your case for funding.

Free June 29 Webinar: "Enhancing the Employability and Well-Being of Low-Income Older Americans"
The Urban Institute will hold a forum "Enhancing the Employability and Well-Being of Low-Income Older Americans" on June 29, 2011, from 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. (ET). The forum will examine how cross-system partnerships, policies, and practices can improve low-income older Americans' employment, civic engagement, well-being, and self-sufficiency. Andrew Sum of Northeastern University will present new data to set the stage for understanding the employment and self-sufficiency challenges faced by low-income older adults. Joe Angelelli of PHI Policy Works, Holly Hudson of the First Tennessee Human Resource Agency, and Donna Smith of the Maryland Department of Aging will discuss examples of collaborative efforts to increase the employability and well-being of these older adults. Ray Uhalde of Jobs for the Future and Sara Rix of the AARP Public Policy Institute will offer national perspectives on collaborative strategies for serving older adults and will join the panelists in an in-depth discussion with the audience both at the event and participating via webcast. You can watch the forum via webcast live or sign up to attend the forum in person in Washington, D.C.

In the News

Plus 50 in the News

- “Over 55 and Out of Work? SCC Has Free Seminar for You,” Shoreline Area News,
June 18, 2011

- “UAA CTC Expands Effort to Educate and Retrain Older Learners,” Green and Gold News, June 8, 2011

**Student Story**

**Bouncing Back from Downsizing**
In this YouTube video, Dave Ballaker, 53, discusses bouncing back from being downsized, with the help of the plus 50 program at Luzerne County Community College. He discusses the atmosphere at the college and how courses are tailored to help older adults. Ballaker says the training provided at the college has helped other students in the program find work, and he’s confident it will help him, too.

**Resources to Support Your Plus 50 Program**

**Learning**

**Giving Credit Where Credit is Due: Creating a Competency Based Qualifications Framework for Postsecondary Education and Training**
Earlier this month, nonprofit policy organization CLASP hosted a webinar on the new report Giving Credit Where Credit is Due: Creating a Competency-Based Qualifications Framework for Postsecondary Education and Training. Speakers included Marcus Kolb of the Lumina Foundation for Education, Rebecca Nickoli, of Ivy Tech Community College, Roy Swift of the American National Standards Institute, Keith Bird of the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce, and Evelyn Ganzglass of CLASP. The webinar recording and powerpoint slides are available online.

**Training & Re-Training**

“Education Pays in Higher Earnings and Lower Unemployment Rates”
This graph with updated data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics demonstrates the relationship between education attainment levels and higher earnings and lower unemployment rates. Plus 50 colleges working to establish community partnerships or marketing their programs may find this chart to be a helpful tool.

**Volunteering & Service**

**Video: RSVP Making an Impact**
In this YouTube video posted by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the RSVP program’s work with plus 55 volunteers is highlighted. RSVP is America's largest volunteer network for people age 55 and over. Nearly 500,000 RSVP volunteers across the country are tackling tough issues in their communities and making things better. The program is celebrating 40 years of service this year.
The American Association of Community Colleges is a national association representing close to 1,200 community, junior and technical colleges nationwide. Community colleges are the largest and fastest-growing sector of higher education, serving close to 12 million students each year. AACC is headquartered in Washington, D.C. See www.aacc.nche.edu.

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