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WHAT DO COLUMBIA COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS NEED?

ST. HELENS, OREGON – Columbia County’s Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is developing its county-wide four-year Area Plan. Now is the perfect time to share your ideas, concerns, and observations about the needs of our Seniors who are 60 years old or better and those who care for them. Your opinion counts.

A comprehensive and anonymous survey will be available beginning April 1st. The survey will ask for feedback about the following topics relating to Seniors:

- Community supports and services
- Health, mental health, and substance abuse services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Housing
- Preventative health education

A series of Town Hall meetings will be held throughout the county in April and May. Meetings will open up conversations about the opportunities and challenges Columbia County faces to ensure Senior Citizens have the resources they need. The Columbia County Veterans Services Officer will also be presenting at Town Hall meetings.

You are invited to attend the open meeting that is most convenient for you.

- **Rainier:** Fri., April 15, 1:00 PM at the Senior Center
- **Vernonia:** Tues., April 26, 11:00 AM at the Library
- **Clatskanie:** Thurs., May 5, noon at the American Legion
- **Scappoose:** Mon., May 9, 11:00 AM at the Senior Center
- **St. Helens:** Wed., May 11, 11:00 AM at the Senior Center

Surveys can be picked up at the five area Senior Centers and other locations around Columbia County, or can be filled out online at www.cat-team.org. Look for the link in the yellow box on the left. In order for survey feedback to be considered in the development of the 2017-2020 Area Plan, it must be submitted by June 1, 2016.

Community Action Team, Inc. (CAT) is a locally controlled, private, not-for-profit corporation, serving Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties. Community Action Team’s main focus is to mobilize resources and address the needs of the economically disadvantaged. CAT is the designated organization to serve as Columbia County’s Area Agency on Aging which has a separate Board of Directors. As a whole, CAT currently serves over 16,000 persons annually.

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