Home Modifications for Successful Aging in Place

on

Thursday, October 9, 2014 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Seattle Municipal Tower Room 4080 700 Fifth Avenue (5th & Columbia), Seattle



Gerry Cherney, OTR/L IndeBoom LLC

Occupational Therapist Gerry Cherney specializes in aging-in-place from a health/medical perspective for clients who are proactive in their approach to aging as well as those who are reacting to sudden trauma or exacerbation of illness. He will discuss how OT fits into a design plan, and describe the home needs assessment, modifications and follow-through necessary for independent and safe living at home.



Karen Winston Aging and Disability Services

Planner Karen Winston coordinates falls prevention activities for Aging and Disability Services—the Area Agency on Aging for King County. One-third of Americans age 65+ fall each year. Among those who are injured by a fall, only 22 percent are able to return home. Karen's presentation will focus on community falls prevention education, with special focus on her agency's work with Russian and Ukrainian residents.



Graham Smith Beverly's Daughter

Graham Smith will showcase products available at Beverly's Daughter, a local retail store inspired by its founder's experience caring for her mother during the advanced stages of life. See and learn about consumer products can help make life easier for folks with mobility issues due to age, illness or accident and make life easier for family members who care for aging parents or other loved ones.

This event is open to the general public. Come learn about home safety for successful aging in place!



The Northwest Universal Design Council (NWUDC) promotes incorporation of Universal Design principles, products, and processes in the built environment so that all people can "live actively by design," regardless of age or ability. The NWUDC is supported by the Seattle Human Services Department/Aging and Disability Services, the Area Agency on Aging for Seattle-King County (www.agingkingcounty.org). For more information, e-mail info@environmentsforall.org.