DFTA to Hold Annual Plan Summary Public Hearings

NEW YORK (Oct. 10, 2018) – Starting next week, the City's older adults, their caregivers, and nonprofit providers of community services will have the opportunity to voice concerns and suggestions to the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) during DFTA's <u>Annual Plan Summary</u> hearings in each borough.

The current Plan, for April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020, includes updated demographics of the City's older residents, an overview of DFTA services and operations, an overview of DFTA's **Plan 2025**, and a breakdown of DFTA's \$385 million budget for fiscal year 2019. The Plan also serves as DFTA's roadmap as it works to improve the lives of the City's nearly 1.6 million older adults.



DFTA's 2017 Annual Plan Summary public hearing on Staten Island

DFTA encourages anyone — regardless of age — with an interest in the topic to attend the public hearings and comment on issues that impact older New Yorkers.

Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 9:30 am BronxWorks Morris Innovative Senior Center 80 E. 181st St. Bronx, NY 10453

Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 10 am Albany Neighborhood Senior Center 196 Albany Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11213

Monday, Oct. 22 at 10 am Leonard Covello Innovative Senior Center 312 E. 109th St. New York, NY 10029

Thursday, Oct. 25 at 9:30 am JCC of Staten Island 1466 Manor Rd. Staten Island, NY 10314

Friday, Oct. 26 at 10 am Sunnyside Community Services 43-31 39th St. Sunnyside, NY 11104

"These hearings foster an exchange of information between government and its citizens in a safe and open environment. It's grassroots democracy and advocacy at its best!" says **DFTA Commissioner Donna Corrado**. "I appreciate New Yorker's input and ideas about how the City can best respond to the needs of older adults."

Some of DFTA's key services include senior center programming; in-home care through case management; elder abuse and prevention counseling; the Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance Program for Medicare recipients; Senior Employment Unit job training; the Caregiver Resource Center; the DFTA Geriatric Mental Health and Friendly Visiting programs; and transportation services.

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The New York City Department for the Aging works to eliminate ageism and ensure the dignity and quality of life of New York City's diverse 1.6 million older adults. DFTA also works to support caregivers through service, advocacy, and education. DFTA is the largest area agency on aging in the U.S.

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