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## Nebraska Respite Network

Newsletter

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Dear Sherri,

Check out the incredible training opportunity being sponsored by the Region I Developmental Disabilities Council on September 9, 2010. This is a webinar on estate planning. You can join in at home on your personal computer or attend in Scottsbluff, Sidney or Chadron. More information in this newsletter.

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### Estate Planning for Persons with Disabilities

All families who have a family member with special need (whether minor or adult) face a similar problem when they want to leave money to their family member for future needs. Leaving money directly to the family member with disabilities will generally cause a loss of government benefits (such as Medicaid or SSI) until the funds are "spent down" to \$2,000. Attendees at the workshop will learn how to make financial provisions for their family member with special needs while at the same time maintaining all existing or future government assistance programs. The primary focus of the presentation is the development, by the parents or guardian, of a Comprehensive Financial and Estate Plan for the family of the individual with special needs.

### **Estate Planning for Persons with Disabilities**

**When:**  
 Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010

**Participation Options:**  
 Join in on your personal computer or in person at

Scottsbluff - HARMS Room E-188

Sidney High School - DL Lab

Chadron High School - DL Lab

Dinner will be served at those locations

**Presenter:** Steve Morris, Certified Financial Planner

Call 635-7901 or 800-644-5352 to register or email [pils@allophone.com](mailto:pils@allophone.com)

### The National Alliance for Caregiving is Seeking Family Caregivers of Veterans for a New Study

This study will provide an opportunity for family caregivers of veterans to be heard and to improve services for other caregivers of Veterans now and in the future. If you are a family caregiver of a Veteran or know of one, and wish to take part in this study, log on to: [www.gwsurvey.com/caregiversofveterans.html](http://www.gwsurvey.com/caregiversofveterans.html)

The deadline to participate in the study is September 15, 2010.

The National Alliance for Caregiving is a non-profit research organization seeking participants for a new study of family caregivers of Veterans who need help with every day activities. This study is intended to determine how caregivers of these Veterans are coping, and what community and VA resources and programs would support and assist them with their caregiving activities.

### **Helpful Links**

[Respite Website](#)

[Answers 4 Families](#)

[National Family Caregivers Association](#)

## Training Information

The Western Area of the Nebraska Respite Network loves to share information about upcoming trainings. If you know of trainings in our area please contact Sherri Blome at 866-RESPITE or [specialprojects@wchr.net](mailto:specialprojects@wchr.net) so she can share that information. We are also happy to bring specific trainings to this area if you are needing training to assist with your caregiving or respite provider duties.

Our FUN Day at Chadron State Park has 19 participants registered.

Thank you for reading our monthly newsletter. If you have items you would like to see added to the newsletter please email [Sherri Blome](#) by clicking here.

Sincerely,

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