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Department on Aging Launches A Newly Designed, User Friendly Website

*Information about state programs and protections to seniors available at
<http://www.illinois.gov/aging>*

SPRINGFIELD - May 28, 2014. Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) Director John K. Holton, Ph.D., today announced the launch of the agency's redesigned website. The updated website provides a simplified and more accessible experience for users. The newly designed website is available at www.illinois.gov/aging.

"The department's mission is to serve and advocate, and this redesign demonstrates our ongoing effort to provide quality services for older adults and their caregivers," said Director Holton. "We're pleased to re-introduce the department's website which offers a wealth of information regarding the network on aging. I invite older adults, their family members and caregivers to peruse the site."

The updated website has been in the works for several months and has been launched in time for *Older Americans Month* the awareness campaign observed each year in May. The Department will promote its newly redesigned website to partners, providers and clients.

Some improvements to the new website include a more prominent search bar for improved results, better navigation menus, and a tools section that helps customers complete electronic transactions, such as signing up online for benefits, registering to volunteer, and contacting Senior HelpLine staff.

IDoA's Division of Community Relations and Outreach worked with a team from Central Management Services' Illinois Office of Communication and Information (IOCI) in-house design and publication division that serves State of Illinois agencies, offices, boards and commissions.

For more information about program services to assist older adults in Illinois and their caregivers, call the Department's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966, for TTY call 1-888-206-1327 (hearing impaired use only), or log on to the newly launched website at www.state.il.us/aging.

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