



Agency Name: Action for Older Persons, Inc.

Program Name: Public Education and Elder Planning

Program Success Story:

As an avid traveler, James enrolled in our “Getting the Most from the Internet” course in hopes of learning a bit more about using the Internet for trip planning and general research. During this course, students are instructed on how to download and use the program Google Earth with an emphasis on practical uses for directions and vacation planning. Completely unaware of the program beforehand, Jim said that it was an invaluable resource for planning an upcoming trip to New Mexico with his son. While in class, he was able to locate and print turn-by-turn directions to make stops at all of the sites he was interested in (some of which he was unaware of beforehand). Later, James informed the computer instructor that Google Earth is his new “addiction” and it has significantly changed the way he travels.

Alice first attended “Introduction to Computers” and came back for “Getting the Most from the Internet”. She said she felt as though the world was passing her by as all of her relatives were emailing, chatting and connecting in ways she was incapable of. Initially, she felt she needed to learn based on necessity and wasn’t necessarily excited about what she was planning on learning. By the end of the course, she told the instructor that she was now a “computer junkie” and was not only able to make connections she couldn’t before – but she was also enjoying the process and excited about new possibilities. She is currently enrolled in AOP’s newest course, “Genealogy 101”.

Tina S. came in to complete her advance directives and to accomplish a primary goal, which was to have the person she wanted in charge of her medical decisions. She explained that she is quite sick and recently separated from her husband. She felt that it was imperative that she got her wishes in order, and in writing, as to rule out any miscommunication or someone making decisions that she didn’t want. She was having surgery later that week and felt it was crucial timing to relieve some stress.

Jim C. came in with his step-daughter to get a health care proxy after seeing our commercial. He explained that he’d “already died three times”- he has significant heart issues and it’s already stopped three times. The most recent time it happened he was quite ill and stayed in the hospital for awhile. He saw our commercial and realized that he needed to complete his proxy in case there was a “next time”. He brought his step-daughter as he also saw the need for her to have one, also.