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Community Events to Enlighten and Protect Senior Citizens

The Florida Commission on Human Relations and partners will offer two forums in Citrus County to address pressing issues affecting the elderly.

Crystal River- Local and state agencies are holding two Senior Citizen Awareness forums in Citrus County to create awareness about several vital issues facing the older population. The forums are free and open to the public and will be held **Wednesday, May 2, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.** at the Homosassa Lions Club (3705 S. Indiana Terrace (CR 490E) Homosassa, Florida 34447) or **Thursday, May 3, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.** at the Citrus County Auditorium (3610 S. Florida Avenue Inverness, Florida 34450).

The event is presented by The Florida Commission on Human Relations (FCHR), The Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging (Mid-FL AAA), Seniors vs. Crime and Citrus County Community Support Services Division.

Derick Daniel, Executive Director of FCHR, says "This event will provide important information and resources for protecting the senior citizens of Citrus County from becoming victims of exploitation and discrimination."

Information discussed at this forum will include scams against seniors, protection tips, caregiver support, elder abuse, neglect and exploitation prevention and discrimination complaints in the areas employment, housing and public accommodations.

Daniel says, "We believe that education is the key to preventing the unfortunate realities of elder discrimination. We are so pleased to be a part of ensuring that local seniors and their caregivers know what to be aware of and where they can turn for support and information. We must come together and work towards stopping these unjust practices."

The event is open to the public and all seniors and caregivers are encouraged. **For more information call Seniors vs. Crime at (352) 249-9139.**

The Florida Commission on Human Relations is the state agency charged with enforcing the Florida Civil Rights Act and Fair Housing Act. The mission of the FCHR is to prevent unlawful discrimination by ensuring people in Florida are treated fairly and are given access to opportunities in employment, housing and certain public accommodations and to promote mutual respect among groups through education and community partnerships.

Fair treatment, equal access and mutual respect are the benchmarks of the Commission's commitment. The Commission works to foster tolerance and understanding in communities statewide.

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