

Event focuses on safety for seniors

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The Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services, chaired by Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza, and the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee will host "Building a Safer Community for At-Risk Seniors: A Yolo County Crisis to Action Summit" from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, at the Davis Odd Fellows Hall, 415 Second St. in downtown Davis.

"There is a crisis for the most vulnerable elderly in Yolo County," a news release said. "Between budget and program cuts and the wave of baby boomers on the horizon, Yolo County will be challenged in unprecedented ways and needs to better prepare to provide a safe and supportive environment for our aging residents."

At this summit, community leaders and organizations will take a comprehensive look at the current situation and develop an action plan for what is needed. The goal is to identify gaps in services, build collaborations, develop advocacy points and begin the process of designing an action plan for Yolo County.

"With the rising demand for services by a growing number of seniors in Yolo County, we are going to need to plan an effective response to care for some of our most vulnerable citizens," Provenza said in the release. "This is our chance to work together to find some real solutions."

Keynote speakers will include Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada, D-Davis, Dr. Captane Thomson, Dr. Herbert Bauer and Dr. Elena Siegel of the UC Davis School of Nursing Gerontology.

This event is open to the public. Those interested in attending are asked to contact Sandra Rodriguez at sandra.rodgriguez@yolocounty or (530) 666-8235 to reserve a spot.