

# NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION MONTH<sup>®</sup>

## ~ SEPTEMBER 2010 ~

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### ***"High-Risk Customers: Serve Your Fare with Extra Care"***

Like you, the Aging and Disability Services Division takes food safety very seriously. We all know that a single outbreak of foodborne illness can be dangerous for seniors, tarnish an establishment's reputation, and in some cases, drive an operation out of business. That's why the Division supports the food safety awareness initiatives of the Partnership for Food Safety Education (PFSE) and the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF).

September marks the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual *National Food Safety Education Month*<sup>®</sup> (NFSEM). **This year's theme is "High-Risk Customers: Serve Your Fare with Extra Care."** The Division will be taking part in this year's awareness campaign and we encourage you to do so as well – by reinforcing food safety education and training related to this year's theme.

To help you participate in NFSEM, online training activities have been developed. All weekly activities are based off of the NRAEF's ServSafe<sup>®</sup> food safety training program. The Training & Promotion Guide is also available on the Division's website at [http://www.nvaging.net/grants/IIIC/food\\_safety\\_training.htm](http://www.nvaging.net/grants/IIIC/food_safety_training.htm), and on the NRAEF Web site at <http://www.servsafe.com/nfsem>.

As part of NFSEM, the Division would like you to provide training programs or activities for all of your kitchen employees and volunteers. This annual food safety campaign strives to build awareness of the Division's commitment to serving safe food, heighten awareness about the importance of food safety education, and encourage additional food safety training for all nutrition programs.

The Division and all III-C Nutrition Program sponsored Senior Centers can work together to make *National Food Safety Education Month 2010* a great success. This is the restaurant and foodservice industry's opportunity to reinforce what we do year-round to ensure safe food handling. With your involvement, we know that this year's event will be the best ever.

We would like to know how each of you participated in this important endeavor. Please report your food safety month activities to your Resource Development Specialist by October 15th. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call your RD Specialist.