



2017 Annual Conference

Registration Form

Friday, June 2

8:30 AM–3:00 PM

Please fill out the Registration form and mail in to Jennifer Bennett at the

Avon Senior Center

635 West Avon Road

Avon, CT 06001

Questions? Please call Jennifer Bennett at **860-675-4355** or e-mail at
jbennett@avonct.gov

R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 19

CASCP Member Registration Fee: \$60

Non-member Registration Fee: \$75

Number of CASCP Members Attending: _____ Names: _____

Number of NON-CASCP Members Attending: _____ Names: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

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Amount enclosed: _____

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Itinerary

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8:30 AM—Registration

9:00 AM— Breakfast & Visit Sponsor Tables

10:00 AM— Welcome & Announcements:

- ◆ Betsy Ritter, Commissioner, State Department on Aging

10:30 AM—Keynote Speaker:

Data-Informed Decision Making for Senior Centers

- ◆ Dr. Manoj Pardasani

11:30 AM— Networking & Visit Sponsor Tables

12:00 PM— Lunch

12:45 PM— Panel Discussion:

What is Happening in the Aging Network in CT?

- ◆ Nora Duncan, State Director, AARP CT
- ◆ Christy Kovel, Senior Policy Analyst - Aging, Commission on Children, Women and Seniors
- ◆ Maureen McIntyre, Executive Director, North Central Area Agency on Aging
- ◆ Sherry Ostrout, Director, Government Initiatives, Connecticut Community Care, Inc.
- ◆ Betsy Ritter, Commissioner, State Department on Aging

2:30 PM—Wrap Up

Strengthening Senior Centers in Connecticut



Data-Informed Decision Making for Senior Centers

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Manoj Pardasani



Dr. Manoj Pardasani, renowned for his groundbreaking research on senior centers, will share information on how we can use data to bring new resources and support existing resources in your community.

Topics include:

- ◆ Data collection can be used to guide decision making but can decisions be based solely on quantitative data?
- ◆ Should we be data-informed rather than data-driven? Data is invaluable and persuasive but human experience and instinct is important too.
- ◆ What information do we need to collect to be data literate?

Manoj Pardasani, PhD, LCSW, ACSW

Senior Associate Dean, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Research Scholar, Ravazzin Center on Aging, Graduate School of Social Service Fordham University

Manoj Pardasani started his social work career in senior centers and that sparked his lifelong passion for the study of senior centers. He has conducted a number of studies on senior center programming, characteristics of senior center administrators and participants, and policy advocacy by senior centers, which have been published in peer-reviewed, academic journals. He has compiled an exhaustive bibliography of all research and publications related to senior centers from 1978 to 2013. He is the recipient of the 2004 and 2012 Outstanding Researcher Award from the National Council on Aging (NCOA). He serves as the Principal Researcher on the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) and has been a part of their Research, New Models and Policy sub-committees. In the last three years, he has conducted two national studies related to senior centers. Currently, he is conducting a 3-year, longitudinal study evaluating the health outcomes of participation in senior centers. This study is sponsored by the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA). In addition to senior centers, Dr. Pardasani has evaluated program models and service utilization patterns among immigrants, refugees and other oppressed groups with reference to HIV/AIDS, chronic mental illness and homelessness.