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If you have clients who need assistance with finding the right place for their ill family member to live and determining how to pay for it, **we can assist them with becoming eligible for Medicaid.**

If you have clients who are unable to care for themselves and make their own decisions, **we can assist their loved ones with becoming their guardian.**

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WORDS TO THE WISE

**June 2008
National Safety Month**

June is National Safety Month, so the topics we selected for this month's newsletter are geared toward keeping our clients, friends and family alive and well. We hope that you will learn something new, or at least be reminded that taking a few extra steps really can save lives. For more safety tips, visit the National Safety Council website at www.nsc.org.

Add ICE To Your Phone

If you are a cell phone carrier, the Lee County Sheriff's Office is urging you to make sure ICE is a contact saved in your cell phone. ICE stands for In Case of Emergency and provides first responders with emergency contact information quickly. The goal is for all cell phone carriers to enter an ICE contact in their phone and then place an ICE sticker on their phone. The sticker alerts emergency workers to check the cell phone for contact information.

The Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with IceSticker.com and McKibbin Hotels, has arranged for thousands of stickers to be available to the public for free. The stickers can be picked up at Lee County Sheriff's Office substations. For more information, contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Relations Department at 239-477-1477.

Source: Lee County Sheriff Office Community Relations Manager Stacey Payne

Move Over Florida

Florida's Move Over Law has been in effect since 2002, but a statewide task force is now working to better educate the public about the law and help make sure it's enforced. As a driver, you are required to move over one lane whenever an emergency vehicle on the side of the road has its emergency lights flashing. If you cannot move over, you must slow down at least 20 mph below the posted speed limit.

Source: www.flhsmv.gov/

Safety Tip

Always turn on the lights before taking medication and don't forget to put on your glasses if you need them to see well! The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that up to 34% of older adults have vision problems and more than 80% have trouble hearing. These issues can adversely impact a senior's ability to read medication warnings, differentiate between pills, and following their doctor's instructions.

Source: www.nsc.org