

Widespread Attendance on Advance Directives Day

The Coalition's first Advance Directives Day took place on April 19, 2007 and was well attended. The coalition partnered with thirty-six organizations and distributed over 2000 copies of Maryland's advance directives documents. Over 50 volunteers supported Advance Directives Day. Activities during the day included:

- Jack Schwartz, Director of Health Policy Development in the Maryland's Attorney General's Office, presented Advance Directives and Surrogate Decision Making to nurses at Holy Cross Hospital.
- The Montgomery County Register of Wills spoke to participants at Rockville Senior Center.
- Volunteers at Riderwood staffed tables and distributed copies of advance directives documents.
- A palliative medicine expert discussed advance directives at Holy Cross Senior Source.
- The Maryland Deaf Seniors Association attended a presentation on advance directives at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center.
- Montgomery County Latino Health Initiative health promoters provided assistance to Spanish speaking people at senior centers.
- Korean speaking seniors at Fellowship Medical Day Care Center heard a presentation on advance directives by a staff member of the Korean Community Services Center of Greater Washington.

Feedback from both volunteers and partners have been very positive and the coalition is examining holding another Advance Directives Day in 2008.