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### ACL News & Information

Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/NewsInfo/Index.aspx>

### NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

<http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday-update>

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## UPDATES

**September 30, 2015**

### **HHS awards 5-year, \$12 million cooperative agreement to innovate, expand supportive services to Holocaust survivors**

The United States is home to an estimated 130,000 victims of Nazi persecution, about 25% of whom live in poverty. As a result of their traumatic experiences, many Holocaust survivors have experienced negative economic, psycho-social, and health effects. These impacts can often worsen over time.

To most effectively serve people who have experienced trauma, it is critical that health and social service providers offer services and supports in ways that reduce the risk of re-traumatization. Through a cooperative agreement, the Administration on Aging, part of the Administration for Community Living (ACL), aims to expand access to person-centered, trauma-informed supportive services for Holocaust survivors living in the U.S.

ACL has awarded one cooperative agreement to the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) for up to \$2,467,500 per year, for up to five years, pending the availability of federal funds. JFNA is required to contribute a 40% match.

JFNA will work to achieve measurable outcomes in two priority areas: 1) advancing innovations in the delivery of person-centered, trauma-informed supportive services and 2) improving the nation's overall capacity to deliver services in this manner.

[Read the original Funding Opportunity Announcement.](#)



## UPDATES

**October 2, 2015**

### **ACL Awards Grants for UCEDD Diversity Fellowships**

This week AIDD, a part of ACL, awarded National Training Initiative grants to 14 University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs) to support a one-year diversity fellowship at each UCEDD. The fellows will work to:

- Improve the recruitment and employment of under-represented groups, including people with disabilities, within the UCEDD and in the workforce
- Increase the diversity of leadership, staff, and governing bodies across the DD network
- Build cultural competence with the leadership, staff, and governing bodies across the DD network
- Increase the number of people from under-represented groups and disadvantage backgrounds who benefit from AIDD- supported programs.

The grants total over \$350,000 and are being awarded to:

- Center for Disabilities, Sanford School of Medicine at The University of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, S.D.
- Center for Disabilities Studies, University of Delaware, Newark, Del.
- Center for Excellence in Disabilities, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.
- Center for Leadership in Disability, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.
- Center for Persons with Disabilities, Utah State University, Logan, Utah
- Center on Disability and Development, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas



- Human Development Institute, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
- Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass.
- Institute for Human Development, University of Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.
- Institute on Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
- JFK Partners, University of Colorado, Denver School of Medicine, Denver, Colo.
- Mailman Center for Child Development, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Fla.
- University of Cincinnati UCEDD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Westchester Institute for Human Development, Valhalla, N.Y.

Read a March [blog post](#) by Commissioner Aaron Bishop on diversity and the developmental disabilities community.



## UPDATES

**October 5, 2015**

### **CMS Seeks Input on New Payment System that May Offer Improved Health Care Access, Quality, and Outcomes for People with Disabilities**

**Comment Submission Deadline: November 2, 2015 by 5 p.m.**

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) is looking at different ways to pay healthcare providers. They are asking for input through a Request for Information (RFI) on implementing a Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). This new system was enacted as part of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA).

As part of the MIPS, CMS is considering offering additional reimbursement to providers for improving quality, accessibility, and health care outcomes for people with disabilities or chronic conditions, dual eligible (people who have Medicare and Medicaid), as well as other groups which face barriers to care. Other proposed changes promote partnerships with community-based organizations. Sections of this proposal of particular interest are entitled [Clinical Practice Improvement Activities Performance Category](#) and [Information Regarding Physician-Focused Payment Models](#).

**Comments – both positive and negative – can influence the payment approach CMS and HHS Secretary Burwell ultimately adopt.** Stakeholders concerned with health care for older Americans and people with disabilities should consider reviewing the proposed payment system and submitting comments.

- The [Request For Information](#) includes instructions for submitting comments. Please note that all comments should reference file code CMS-3321-NC.
- CMS also provided a set of [Frequently Asked Questions](#)



related to the proposed payment system.

## **Prince William AAA Fiscal/Administration Division Manager Position**

*Tim Catherman, on behalf of Sarah Henry, Executive Director, Prince William AAA*

We have reposted the F&A Manager job. It is open continuous until we have a good candidate pool. Here is the link if you would not mind reposting in the Tuesday mailing. Thanks,

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/pwcgov/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=1240149>

## **VICAP Shares Tips for Medicare Beneficiaries to Help Them Prepare for Open Enrollment**

*AJ Hostetler, DARS Communications Director*

Pam Smith, the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program state director, and the DARS Communications team have issued a news release to remind Medicare beneficiaries of the issues they may want to consider before enrolling during the open enrollment period, Oct. 15-Dec. 7. Please feel free to share the news release, at <http://bit.ly/1Wu8DiG>, to spread the word about the assistance beneficiaries may receive from trained counselors at local Area Agencies on Aging. You may also see a television commercial about open enrollment, and if you'd like to view or share the video, please visit <http://bit.ly/1JndE34>.

## **2015 Oral Health Summit**

*Amy Marschean, Senior Policy Analyst*

### *Featured Speakers and Guests*



Amy,

*Registration is Open for the 2015 Virginia Oral Health Summit!*

Please join us for VaOHC's fifth-annual Summit, ["Achievable Wellness: Engaging Communities"](#)



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The Summit will explore population health indicators, cross-disciplinary relationships and other strategies to improve health in vulnerable populations and ensure oral health is a component of comprehensive health care.

Lunch, exhibits and continuing education credit for medical and dental providers as well as social workers are included with your registration.

I hope to see you in November!

Sincerely,

Sarah Bedard Holland  
Executive Director

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### *Traveling from out-of-town?*

Book your hotel room at the Westin Richmond by **Wednesday, October 14.**

To reserve a room at the rate of \$149/night, call 1.888.627.7786 and mention the group name "Virginia Oral Health Coalition."

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Please visit our website for more oral health information

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*Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant*

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