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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.nasquad.org/newsroom/friday-update>

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## UPDATES

June 21, 2016

### [Aligning Services and Funding to Promote Integrated Employment in the Bay Area](#)

Tomorrow marks the 17th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Olmstead v. L.C.* ruling affirming that people with disabilities cannot be unnecessarily segregated and must receive services in the most integrated setting possible.

To commemorate *Olmstead's* spirit of integration and community living, ACL is profiling East Bay Innovations, a non-profit agency which provides integrated employment services for people with disabilities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

[Learn about the agency's services, diverse funding sources, and their collaboration with California's network of Regional Centers and Project SEARCH.](#)

This is ACL's fourth profile of a local program promoting integrated employment for people with disabilities; learn about [Community Link in Colorado](#), [the Arc of Washington County, Maryland](#), and [LIFEDesigns in south central Indiana](#).

ACL is interested in hearing from states, providers, and advocates working on integrated employment. Share your successes, challenges, and questions by e-mailing [aclinfo@acl.gov](mailto:aclinfo@acl.gov).

Also, you still have time [to share how \*Olmstead\* has impacted you](#) using the #OlmsteadAction on social media.



## UPDATES

June 22, 2016

### **Olmstead Ownership for Older Adults**

**By Edwin Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging**

Today marks the 17th anniversary of a landmark Supreme Court decision. In [\*Olmstead v. L.C.\*](#) the Court ruled that people who need assistance with activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, dressing and walking cannot be unnecessarily segregated. They must receive services in the most integrated setting possible.

This decision, based on the Americans with Disabilities Act, has great implications for older adults.

All people should have the opportunity to live, work, retire, and contribute to diverse neighborhoods and communities, regardless of age or disability. The Olmstead decision has helped make that vision a reality for older adults and people with disabilities alike. In the 2006 and continued in the 2016 [Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act](#), Congress directed the Administration on Aging and state aging agencies to reshape the system that provides long-term services and supports to include more home-and-community-based services, expanding the concept and reality of aging in place.

This is just one example of a shift in funding, policy, and attitudes toward community living that reflects the spirit of the Olmstead decision. As a result, more and more Americans are living in the settings they choose and are engaging in their communities throughout all stages of their lives.

Olmstead is for all of us, and with an estimated 10,000 Americans turning 65 each day, it has never been more important to the aging community. I hope you will join me in adding the anniversary of the Olmstead decision to your calendars of dates to celebrate.



**For more information on how Olmstead helps older adults:**

[ADA at 25: Aging Advocates Celebrate Partnership And Progress](#): Issue Brief from the Justice in Aging Journal on the impact of the Olmstead decision and the Americans with Disabilities on older adults.

[Promoting Community Living for Older Adults Who Need Long-term Services and Supports \(PDF, 299KB\)](#): Issue Brief from the Center for Policy and Evaluation, Administration for Community Living



**June 22, 2016**

### **Partnerships of Choice, Olmstead Action**

**By Bob Williams, Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Disabilities  
Director, Independent Living Administration**

Seventeen years ago today, the Supreme Court decided in *Olmstead v. L.C. (Olmstead)* that under the Americans with Disabilities Act, people with disabilities cannot be unnecessarily segregated and must receive services in the most integrated setting possible. This landmark decision is at the core of ACL's mission and has caused a shift in funding, policy, and attitudes toward community living that has improved the quality of countless lives of people with disabilities and older adults.

In 2015, [the Workforce Investment and Opportunities Act \(WIOA\)](#) took another step toward codifying the spirit of *Olmstead*, adding transitions as a fifth "core service" provided by Centers for Independent Living. CILs know better than anyone how important transition services are. But in a time of limited resources, the increased expectations that accompany a mission expansion can seem daunting.

We have to remember that supporting transition is not really



new for all of us. Empowering people with disabilities to live in the community and assisting youth in making the transition from school to adulthood have been the heart and soul of the independent living movement. WIOA makes the importance of this work explicit.

So how do we do it? One of the most exciting ways we can enhance the capacity of the IL networks, and provide the fifth core service within the limits of existing resources, is to expand the partnerships and collaboration with organizations outside of the traditional IL networks.

Some, if not many, CILs have already begun building these relationships. We can all share experiences and best practices and learn from each other's successes and setbacks.

Read my full blog and learn about a few examples of how partnerships can help Centers for Independent Living and State Independent Living Councils do what they do best: empower people with disabilities to take charge of our futures, with the services and supports we need to live our lives to the fullest.

*We want to learn from and share your partnership successes, too. Share your stories [here](#). Thanks for all you do to make the promise of Olmstead real for people with disabilities of all ages!*

## **Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016**

*Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations*

ACL has posted an official compilation of the 2016 Reauthorized Older Americans Act along with a summary of key changes, and FAQs. Web links to these documents including provisions that addresses the needs of Holocaust survivors can be found at: [http://www.aoa.acl.gov/AoA\\_Programs/OAA/Reauthorization/2016/Index.aspx](http://www.aoa.acl.gov/AoA_Programs/OAA/Reauthorization/2016/Index.aspx).

## **Older Americans Act Upcoming Anniversary**

*A.J. Hostetler, Communications Director*

DARS Communications team invites you to send information about events you are planning to celebrate the upcoming anniversary of the Older Americans Act and



share photos of events you may hold in its recognition. Please send information and/or photos to DARS Communications Director A.J. Hostetler at [aj.hostetler@dars.virginia.gov](mailto:aj.hostetler@dars.virginia.gov) by email with the subject line "OAA events." We would like to share this information on the agency's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/vadars](http://www.facebook.com/vadars). Thank you.

**A.J. Hostetler**

Communications Director

### **FEMA Newsletter: Individual and Community Preparedness**

*Chip Stratton, WWRC/DARS*

## Individual and Community Preparedness e-Brief |



- [ICE Cards for Kids](#)
- [Room for Safety](#)
- [Ready Where You Are: Disaster Kit Storage](#)



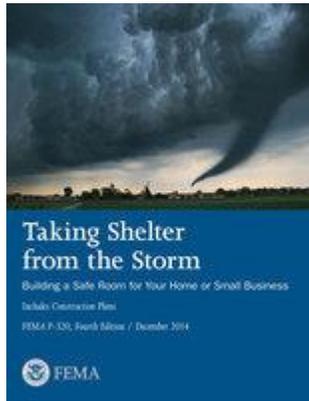
### ICE Cards for Kids

Looking for a way to make disaster preparedness fun for kids? Check out the new [PSA](#) from Save the Children and 20th Century Fox featuring characters from the upcoming movie *Ice Age: Collision Course*! The children's rights organization and film distributor recently teamed up to encourage parents to create [In Case of Emergency \(ICE\) cards](#) for their children so families can quickly reunite after a disaster.

Make an ICE card with phone numbers of family and friends you can call in case of an emergency. Print the free cards at home, put one copy in your child's bag, and keep another copy for yourself.

Disasters can strike when you least expect them. Plan ahead to stay connected to those you love. [Create your ICE card today!](#)

### Room for Safety



[Safe rooms](#) are a good way to protect you and your family or employees from hurricanes or tornadoes. Having a safe room for your home or business can help provide "[near-absolute protection](#)" from injury or death caused by the dangerous forces of extreme winds.

Are you interested in building a safe room for your home or small business?

Download FEMA P-320 *Taking Shelter from the Storm: Building a Safe Room For Your Home or Small Business*, and FEMA P-361 *Safe Rooms for Tornadoes and Hurricanes: Guidance for Community and Residential Safe Rooms*. These publications help home or small business owners assess their risk and determine the best safe room for their needs.

To learn more about safe rooms, visit [fema.gov/safe-rooms](http://fema.gov/safe-rooms). You can also check out this list of [FAQs](#).

If a safe room is not available during a hurricane, the best protective action is to evacuate before the hurricane makes landfall. Otherwise, seek the best available shelter:

- Go to a small, interior, windowless room such as a closet



or bathroom on the lowest level of a sturdy building; for a hurricane, make sure the room is not subject to flooding;

- Cover yourself with any materials that may provide protection from debris, such as cushions, a sleeping bag, or a blanket; and
- Kneel down and bend over into a ball, and cover your head and neck with your arms.

To learn more about how to protect yourself and your family during severe weather, visit the [America's PrepareAthon! website](#).

### Ready Where You Are: Disaster Kit Storage

You never know where you'll be when an emergency occurs, so it's a good idea to be ready wherever you are. That means [preparing supplies](#) for your home, work, and vehicle.

The *Ready* Campaign has information about creating a disaster supply kit [for each location](#).

#### For your home:

- Create a kit containing enough food, water, and supplies to last at least three days; and
- Keep the kit in a designated place and make sure family members know where it is.

#### For your work:

- Be prepared to shelter in place for at least 24 hours;
- Include food, water, and other necessities like medicines in your kit. Keep the kit in one container and be ready to grab and go; and
- Have comfortable walking shoes in case an evacuation requires walking long distances.

#### For your vehicle:

- Include jumper cables, flashlights, clothing, and a first aid kit; and
- Consider having a fully charged cell phone and phone charger, flares, baby formula, and diapers if you have a small child.



*Disclaimer: The reader recognizes that the federal government provides links and informational data on various disaster preparedness resources and events and does not endorse any non-federal events, entities, organizations, services or products. Please let us know about other events and services for individual and community preparedness that could be included in future newsletters by contacting [citizencorps@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:citizencorps@fema.dhs.gov).*

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### **NASUAD Friday Updates**

*Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant*

## FRIDAY UPDATES

# NASUAD

June 24, 2016

<p><b>In This Issue</b></p> <p><b><u>*NASUAD: NASUAD and NCIL Release I&amp;R/A Survey Report</u></b></p> <p><b><u>*NASUAD: Fact Sheet on Medicaid Third-Party</u></b></p>	<h3>From NASUAD</h3> <p><b>NASUAD, in Partnership with NCIL, Releases I&amp;R/A Survey Report</b></p> <p>The National Information and Referral Support Center, administered by NASUAD, in partnership with the National</p>
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Liability and Older  
Americans Act

\*NASUAD: Presentations  
from Aging and Disability  
Symposium

\*NASUAD: I&R Center  
Webinar: Disability &  
Rehabilitation Resources

\*NASUAD: Registration  
for the 2016 HCBS  
Conference is Open!

\*NASUAD: NCI-AD  
Report Released and New  
Website

\*HCBS Clearinghouse:  
QHP Rehabilitation and  
Habilitation

\*HCBS Clearinghouse:  
NASBO Fiscal Survey of  
States

\*ACL: Comments on SILC  
Indicators of Minimum  
Compliance

\*CMS: 2016 Medicare  
Trustees Report

\*CMS: Medicaid  
Expenditure and  
Enrollment Data

\*CMS: Payment Error Rate

Council on Independent Living (NCIL), shares findings from the aging and disability I&R/A field in the report **The Changing Landscape of Aging and Disability Information and Referral/Assistance: 2015 Survey of Aging and Disability I&R/A Agencies**. This report captures the current state of I&R/A service provision, including trends and developments, challenges and opportunities, and promising practices, through survey responses provided by representatives from state agencies on aging and disability, Area Agencies on Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Centers for Independent Living, non-profit human service organizations and national organizations. Key themes to emerge from the survey data are:

**Theme 1:** Funding and Sustainability are Significant Concerns among Aging and Disability I&R/A Agencies;

**Theme 2:** Partnerships and Networks Continue to Evolve to Serve Both Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities;

**Theme 3:** A Changing Environment and Expanding Roles Provide New Opportunities and Challenges for I&R/A Agencies;

**Theme 4:** Quality Matters to Effective I&R/A Service Delivery; and

**Theme 5:** The Use of Technology has Increased, but There Remains Room for Growth.

Survey findings underscore that aging and disability I&R/A agencies are operating in a time of change. In a policy, fiscal, and service delivery environment that presents both challenges and potential opportunities, aging and disability I&R/A agencies must continue to cultivate partnerships and leverage innovations that enhance and modernize the provision of I&R/A services.

[Click here](#) to view the report.

**NASUAD Publishes Fact Sheet on  
Medicaid Third-Party Liability and  
Older Americans Act**

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), in consultation with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) published a fact sheet regarding coordination of benefits between Older Americans Act programs



**and Medicaid Eligibility  
Quality Control Programs**

**\*HHS: Integrated Care of  
Dual Eligibles and Older  
Adults**

**\*U.S. Census Bureau: Facts  
for Features**

**\*Senate Special  
Committee on Aging:  
Hearing on Person-  
Centered Care**

**\*ASA: 2017 Aging in  
America Conference: Call  
for Proposals**

**\*GSA: World Congress of  
Gerontology & Geriatrics:  
Call for Abstracts**

**\*National Aging and  
Disability Business  
Center: Webinar: Times of  
Transformation**

**\*NLRC: Webinar: World  
Elder Abuse Series**

**\*NQF: HCBS Quality  
Measures Comments**

**\*National Respite  
Network: Conference  
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**\*UNH, KE, AUCD:**

and Medicaid LTSS services. Medicaid generally serves as the "payer of last resort" and individuals must exhaust all other sources of funding prior to receiving Medicaid payment for a service. However, there are particular exemptions to this requirement - leading to some confusion about the interactions between Older Americans Act funding and similar services that may be covered by LTSS options such as 1915(c) waivers, 1915(i) or Managed LTSS programs. NASUAD developed this fact sheet to highlight guidance on these interactions.

[Click here](#) to view the fact sheet.

**Presentations from Aging and Disability  
Symposium, 2016 AIRS Conference  
Available**

Presentations from the National Aging and Disability Symposium at the 2016 AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference are now available on the NASUAD website. The Symposium is convened by the National I&R Support Center with the support of the following partners: the Administration for Community Living (ACL), the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) and AIRS. The Symposium included a pre-conference summit that highlighted activities and resources of the I&R Center and its partners, and incorporated a special focus on person-centered thinking. In addition, workshop sessions featured national, state, and local professionals presenting on key topics impacting aging and disability I&R/A programs such as quality assurance and customer satisfaction, aging caregivers, innovations in transportation services, transition for youth with disabilities, and resources for serving diverse consumers.

[Click here](#) to view the presentations.

**NASUAD I&R Center Webinar:  
Disability & Rehabilitation Resources**

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on Disability and Rehabilitation Resources that attendees can use to help consumers with disabilities of all ages. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 20, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**



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and Learn](#)

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If your agency and your partners are looking for good, evidence-based programs, tools, and materials that can help clients with disabilities, then this webinar is for you! The grantees of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) generate a wealth of ready-to-use guides, tools, webinars, and more for everything from creating welcoming congregations to testing the accessibility of the local health club. Our presenter, Jessica Chaiken, Media and Information Services Manager, HeiTech Services, Inc. for the National Rehabilitation Information Center, will sample the diverse library of NIDILRR-funded resources that your agency can use right now to help people with disabilities live independently, and show you where to find more. This webinar is an encore presentation of a session given at the 2016 AIRS I&R Conference. **Pre-registration is required for this webinar.** Space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## Registration for the 2016 HCBS Conference is Open!

Join us for the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference held in Washington, DC, August 29 - September 1. The Conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and in all settings. Quickly becoming the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of HCBS and long-term services and supports, the Conference allows states to share best practices, present unique partnerships, and recognize the work of their peers.

The National HCBS Conference will include federal, state, and local policymakers and those who administer, manage, and deliver waiver and other HCBS programs. The Conference always sees a strong presence from U.S. Health and Human Services ranging from the Administration for Community Living including (AoA, Office of Disability, and AIDD) to CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, Office of Developmental Disabilities, and other federal agencies.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## NASUAD and HSRI Release NCI-AD



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## Report and Launch New Website

On Thursday, June 9, 2016, the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), in collaboration with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI), released the results from a six-state deployment of the National Core Indicators - Aging and Disabilities (NCI-AD™) adult consumer survey. While 13 states are participating in the NCI-AD survey in 2016, six of the states - Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey, and North Carolina- opted for a rapid-cycle survey period in order to receive their results more quickly. A report with data from all 13 states - including Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas - will be released in winter 2017.

The NCI-AD project's primary aim is to collect and maintain valid and reliable data that give states a broad view of how their publicly-funded long term services and supports (LTSS) impact the quality of life and outcomes of service participants. NCI-AD brings an important value proposition to the field of aging and disability services through development of indicators and outcomes that assess quality of life, community integration, and person-centered services.

[Click here](#) to view the full report.

[Click here](#) to view the full press release.

NASUAD and HSRI also launched a new website dedicated to the NCI-AD project. [NCI-AD.org](http://NCI-AD.org) is a repository of information, reports and data about the NCI-AD project, and includes profiles of each participating state, overview materials and published reports.

Contact NASUAD NCI-AD Project Director, [Kelsey Walter](#), for more information.

## HCBS Clearinghouse E-Clips

*This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit [www.nasuad.org/hcbs](http://www.nasuad.org/hcbs) for more information.*



## **Rehabilitation and Habilitation Benefits in Qualified Health Plans**

The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) released a new report that reviews the rehabilitation and habilitation benefits available in Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) that are on the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Marketplaces. "Analysis of Rehabilitation and Habilitation Benefits in Qualified Health Plans" reviews 724 QHP's offered on the marketplace across all metal levels. It examines the degree to which the plans cover various therapies and the effect deductibles and co-payments had on the therapies. The report compares how coverage and benefits have changed in the last two years since AOTA last conducted this review in 2014.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

## **NASBO Fiscal Survey of States Report**

On Tuesday, June 21, 2016, the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO) released the Spring 2016 "Fiscal Survey of States" report. The report indicates that, for the first time, estimated state general fund spending and revenues in fiscal 2016 surpassed their fiscal 2008, pre-recession peak levels after adjusting for inflation. However, the progress has been uneven across states, and long-term spending pressures remain in areas such as health care, education, pensions, and infrastructure.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

## **From the Administration**

### **Administration for Community Living**

### **ACL Seeks Comments on Draft SILC Indicators of Minimum Compliance**



The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) of 2014 requires the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to develop and publish indicators of minimum compliance for Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs). ACL reviewed indicators developed and approved by the SILC Congress and the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL). The current draft includes revisions that were made to address feedback received at the SILC Congress in January 2016. ACL is providing a public comment opportunity through **Monday, August 15, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view the proposed rule.

## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

### 2016 Medicare Trustees Report

On Wednesday, June 22, 2016, the Medicare Board of Trustees issued their annual report to Congress on the financial operations and actuarial status of the program. The trustees project that the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will remain fully funded until 2028, 11 years longer than projected before passage of the Affordable Care Act. The trustees also found that per-enrollee Medicare spending growth has been slower than GDP per capita and overall health expenditures per capita. Total Medicare spending is projected to grow at a 6.9% average annual rate over the next decade, reflecting increased enrollment due to growth in the over-65 population. Medicare Trustees also highlighted that growth in prescription drugs costs continue to exceed other Medicare costs and overall health expenditures. In addition, it's projected that Medicare's "hold harmless" protection could be triggered this year based on early data showing the potential for a small Social Security cost of living adjustment. The final adjustment will be announced in the fall based on updated data.

[Click here](#) to view the report.

### Medicaid Expenditure & Enrollment



## Data

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released updated Medicaid enrollment and preliminary expenditure data, which is reported by states through the Medicaid Budget and Expenditure System (MBES). The enrollment data provides the total number of enrollees in Medicaid, and for states that have expanded Medicaid, the number of enrollees for the new adult eligibility group, referred to as the VIII Group, is also reported. The new enrollment data is from October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. The expenditure data provides a summary level data associated with Medicaid expenditures as well as a breakout of expenditures associated with individuals in the VIII group. The updated expenditure data is from the collection form CMS-64 for the period April 1, 2015, through June 30, 2015.

[Click here](#) to view enrollment data.

[Click here](#) to view expenditure data.

## Payment Error Rate and Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control Programs

On Monday, June 20, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a notice regarding proposed changes to the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) and Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) programs. The proposed rule addresses the new eligibility provisions of the Affordable Care Act and makes other general improvements to the PERM and MEQC programs. The proposed rule also includes policies that are intended to reduce state burden and increase the focus on the continuous reduction of improper payment rates. Comments on this proposed rule are due by **Monday, August 22, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to view the proposed rule.

## Health and Human Services

### Better Outcomes for Dually Eligible Older Adults through Integrated Care

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)



published a report about the Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) program. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the State of Minnesota started MSHO as a pilot in 1997 to better serve dually eligible beneficiaries age 65 and older. MSHO plans coordinate all the Medicare and Medicaid benefits that their members receive, including Medicare coverage of acute medical care and Medicaid coverage of long-term services and supports. Over the years, MSHO has been a platform for delivery system reform within Minnesota. The report evaluates MSHO's effectiveness by using the experiences of similar beneficiaries inside and outside of MSHO. The HHS Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation contracted with RTI International to complete the analysis of outcomes from 2010 to 2012.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

## United States Census Bureau

### **Facts for Features: Americans with Disabilities Act**

The United States Census Bureau published its latest Facts for Features, "Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act: July 26." The publication provides a demographic snapshot of the U.S. population with a disability and examines various services available to them. The statistics come from various censuses and surveys, covering differing periods of time. On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodations, commercial facilities, telecommunications, and state and local government services.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

## From Congress

### **Senate Hearing on Person-Centered Care**



On Thursday, June 23, 2016, the Senate Special Committee on Aging held a hearing to explore ways to improve the quality and access to care for people with serious illness and to discuss models of care that are already being used. Committee Chairman Susan M. Collins (R-ME) as well as Senators Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Bob Casey (D-PA), Joe Donnelly (D-IN), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Tim Kaine (D-VA) participated in the hearing.

Witnesses included Dr. Atul Gawande, Executive Director of Ariadne Labs, Professor at Harvard School of Public Health, Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, and Staff Writer for the New Yorker; Dr. Kate Lally, Chief of Palliative Care at Care New England Health System; and Amy Berman, Senior Program Officer at the John A. Hartford Foundation. Testimony focused on the importance of educating physicians on how to have discussions about person-centered care with patients and families as well as fostering a culture where families also have these discussions themselves.

In addition, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) introduced the Removing Barriers to Person-Centered Care Act that is intended to improve coordination between health care providers and place greater emphasis on the preferences of Medicare beneficiaries with advanced illnesses.

[Click here](#) to view a recording of the hearing.

[Click here](#) to view a press release about the Removing Barriers to Person-Centered Care Act.

## From Other Organizations

### American Society on Aging

#### **2017 Aging in America Conference Call for Presentation Proposals**

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is hosting the 2017 Aging in America Conference (AiA17) and has issued a call for



presentation proposals. The focus of AiA17 is innovation, including innovative policies, programs, practices, models, businesses, technologies, learning, and more from across the field of aging. Submit a proposal to share ideas, research, innovative programs, new models, successful outcomes, and policy agendas. AiA17 is scheduled for March 20 - 24 in Chicago, and nearly 3,000 multidisciplinary professionals who focus on improving the lives of older adults are expected to attend. The deadline to submit a proposal is **Thursday, June 30, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to apply. Please contact ASA at [info@asaging.org](mailto:info@asaging.org) if you need more time to submit your proposal.

## Gerontological Society of America

### World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics Call for Abstracts

The Gerontological Society of America is hosting the 2017 World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics and has issued a call for abstracts. The conference is scheduled for July 23 - 27, 2017, in San Francisco, California. Over 6,000 thought leaders, industry pioneers, scientists, researchers, and innovators from across multiple disciplines in the field of aging are expected to attend. The event is convened every four years, and the last time it was hosted in the United States was 32 years ago. This is a unique opportunity for presenters to share their work with a large national and international audience of experts in aging. Submissions are due by **Friday, July 15, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view details and apply.

## National Aging and Disability Business Center

### Webinar: Times of Transformation: The Changing LTSS Environment for the Aging and Disability Networks

The National Aging and Disability Business Center is hosting an



upcoming webinar, "Times of Transformation: The Changing LTSS Environment for Aging and Disability Networks." Presenters from the Administration for Community Living (ACL), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) will speak about new efforts to integrate care for people with Medicare and Medicaid, and how aging and disability organizations can participate. This session will highlight the trends, opportunities, and challenges facing community-based organizations as they work to help older adults and people with disabilities live successfully at home and in the community. The free webinar will take place on **Wednesday, June 29, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

## National Legal Resource Center

### Webinar: Elder Abuse Series

The National Legal Resource Center (NLRC) has two upcoming webinars in their series of National Elder Rights Training Project sessions. Additional sponsorship for the webinars is provided by the Administration for Community Living (ACL). "Capacity and Vulnerability to Elder Abuse" will discuss legal standards of capacity necessary for valid transactions involving wills, contracts, Powers of Attorney, and guardianship or conservatorship. The speakers will discuss cognitive capacity, consent, and undue influence. The webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. ET.**

The "Legal Responses to Elder Abuse: The Role of APS, Legal Aid, and Protection and Advocacy" webinar will explore best practice models of collaborations between legal provider, adult protective services, and protection and advocacy networks in responding to difficult legal issues arising from elder abuse. This webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, June 30, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register for the Capacity and Vulnerability to Elder Abuse webinar.

[Click here](#) to register for the Legal Responses to Elder Abuse



webinar.

## National Quality Forum

### Home and Community Based Services Quality Measure Comments

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is convening a stakeholder committee to develop recommendations for the improvement of quality measurements of home and community based services (HCBS). NQF released the third interim report, "Addressing Performance Measure Gaps in Home and Community Based Services to Support Community Living: Priorities for Measure Development," to guide the changes of future quality measures. NQF encourages individuals to view the report and make comments by **Friday, July 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view the report and submit comments.

## National Respite Network

### National Lifespan Respite Conference Sponsorship and Exhibitors

Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available for the 17th National Lifespan Respite Conference. The event is hosted by the Colorado Respite Coalition, Easter Seals CO, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - CO/WY Chapter, and the Colorado Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the ARCH National Respite Network. The conference will be held in Denver, Colorado from September 20-22, 2016. The theme is Elevate Respite, and it will challenge conference attendees to heighten awareness about the innovation and progress being made to support the nation's family caregivers. The deadline for sponsorship commitment is **Tuesday, July 5, 2016**, and all fees are due by **Friday, July 29, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to view sponsorship information.

[Click here](#) to view exhibitor information.



## University of New Hampshire, Kessler Foundation, Association of University Centers on Disabilities

### Webinar: nTIDE Lunch and Learn

The Employment Policy & Measurement Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (EPM-RRTC) at the University of New Hampshire, in partnership with Kessler Foundation and the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), have launched a monthly webinar. On the first Friday of every month, there will be a live broadcast via Zoom webinar to share the results of the latest nTIDE findings, based upon the Bureau of Labor statistics jobs report. Additionally, the monthly webinars will feature news and updates from the field of Disability Employment and a discussion from an invited panelist on current disability related findings and events. The next nTIDE webinar is scheduled for **Friday, July 8, 2016, at 12:00 p.m ET.**

[Click here](#) here to register.

## Jobs & Internships

### TMG Seeks Full-Time IRIS Consultants

TMG is the IRIS Consultant Agency (ICA) and Self-Directed Personal Care contractor for Wisconsin's IRIS program. IRIS is a long-term support program where eligible individuals self-direct their publicly funded, community based long-term care services. TMG is seeking two full-time IRIS Consultants. An opportunity is available for consultants living in Winnebago County, and another for consultants in Chippewa County or Dunn County. TMG's IRIS Consultants (ICs) are home-based employees who partner with individuals enrolled in the IRIS program to identify their long-term care goals and find creative ways to achieve them. Qualified applicants must have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a social work, psychology, human services, counseling, nursing, special education or a closely related field (or four years of commensurate experience if no degree) and one year of direct experience related to the



delivery of social services to the target groups; knowledge of Long Term Care programs and familiarity with principles of self-determination; ability to use a variety of technology including but not limited to; Outlook, Skype, PowerPoint, Excel, Word, online portals and databases; and must possess a valid driver's license and maintain adequate auto insurance for job-related travel to home visits and attending meetings and conferences as requested. Both applications are due by **Thursday, June 30, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view the Winnebago County posting.

[Click here](#) to view the Chippewa or Dunn County posting.

## Funding Opportunities

### **2016 NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Media Scholarships Available**

The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) is offering eight NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Media Scholarships thanks to a generous contribution from NBCUniversal. Eligible applicants for this scholarship are "second year associate students, undergraduate sophomores, juniors, and seniors; and graduate students with disabilities with an interest in the entertainment, media, or communications industries." This scholarship was named in honor of Tony Coelho, a former United States Representative from California and the primary author and sponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Scholarship recipients will receive \$5,625 to help with the associated expenses of education at their colleges or universities. All applications must be submitted by **July 1, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view details and apply.

### **Senior SNAP Enrollment Initiative**

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is seeking proposals from community-based organizations for up to eight new Senior SNAP Enrollment Initiative sites. The recipients of these awards will be responsible for submitting at least 1,250 new SNAP



applications on behalf of eligible older adults. These awards will be targeted to organizations already engaged in SNAP outreach and enrollment work and looking to expand to seniors, or organizations who have already engaged in benefits outreach and enrollment work with seniors and want to expand their program to include SNAP. Required Letters of Intent are due **Wednesday, July 6, 2016** and full proposals are due **Wednesday, August 3, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view details and apply.

NCOA is hosting an optional webinar to answer questions about the RFP process on **Thursday, June 30, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**

[Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

## Wyoming Seeks HCBS System

The Wyoming Department of Health is seeking a contractor to provide a commercial off the shelf (COTS) system, or previously developed system that is operational and configurable, to support Wyoming's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Programs. The system will replace the current Electronic Medicaid Waiver System (EMWS) that is used to manage the state's five Medicaid Waiver Programs. The Agency's vision is to acquire a system that contains the functionality of the current EMWS and incorporates the functionality for medical assessments, currently housed in the Public Health Nurse Informatics System (PHNI), and functionality for provider enrollment, re-enrollment, credentialing, re-credentialing, certification, and re-certification, currently housed in the Information Management for Providers System (IMPROV). The awarded contract will include three base years beginning on January 1, 2017, or when the transition phase criteria are met. Three additional one year extensions will be available based on the vendor and system performance. Proposals will be accepted through the Public Purchase online bidding system until **Monday, July 18, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to access the Public Purchase System.



## Partnerships in Employment Systems Change

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) released the Partnerships in Employment Systems Change grant. The purpose of the funding opportunity is to encourage state partnerships and systems change efforts that will contribute to the 1) the development of policies that support competitive employment in integrated settings as the first and desired outcome for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities including intellectual disabilities; 2) the removal of systemic barriers to competitive employment in integrated settings; 3) the implementation of strategies and best practices that improve employment outcomes for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and 4) enhanced statewide collaborations that can facilitate the transition process from secondary to post-secondary school, or other pre-vocational settings, to complete employment in integrated settings. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, public and private institutions of higher education, independent school districts, nonprofit organizations, and public housing authorities. All applications are due by **11:59 p.m. ET on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

## Building the Business Capacity of Community-Based Aging and Disability Networks for Integrated Services Partnerships

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announced two new funding opportunities that seek to expand the readiness of community-based aging and disability organizations (CBO) for contracting with integrated care entities, and prepare state agencies and CBOs to be active stakeholders and partners in the development and implementation of integrated care systems.

The Learning Collaboratives for Advanced Business Acumen Skills initiative is intended to achieve the following tasks: organize and conduct three to five topically-based action learning collaboratives to address issues such as continuous quality improvement, infrastructure and technology, generating



and maintaining volume, data pooling, and more; provide targeted technical assistance to networks of CBOs; and create knowledge and capture insights through these collaboratives to incorporate into future curriculum for national dissemination.

The purpose of the Business Acumen for Disability Organizations initiative is to develop baseline knowledge about the content and infrastructure needs of CBOs through surveys and feasibility studies; and utilize a learning collaborative model to provide targeted technical assistance to up to 15 state coalitions of CBOs that seek to build their business capacity to contract with health care entities (e.g. hospitals, health systems, accountable care organizations, managed/integrated care plans).

The original closing date for both applications was Monday, July 11, 2016. ACL published updated announcements last week with a new closing date of **11:59 p.m. ET on Thursday, July 28, 2016, for both applications.**

[Click here](#) to view the announcements.

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Register now for the 2016 Virginia Governor's Housing Conference on Nov. 16-18 in Roanoke, Virginia. Join us for Virginia's largest housing event packed full of educational sessions led by experts in housing, finance and community development, as well as amazing networking opportunities with colleagues from across the commonwealth. Click [here](#) for more information, including registration.

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dLCV wants your input



The Disability Law Center of Virginia is looking for the public's feedback and on how to focus their advocacy and resources for the coming year. The dLCV Public Input Survey 2016 is available [here](#).

Colleen Miller  
Executive Director  
disAbility Law Center of Virginia

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## The Insider

### *The Insider*

Click [here](#) to read this issue of *The Insider*. This issue highlights the following:

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## Parenting with a Disability: A New Frontier of Disability Rights

By Megan Kirshbaum, PhD, Founder and Executive Director, Through the Looking Glass

**Through the Looking Glass** (view information for TLG [here](#)) is a nationally recognized center that has pioneered research, training, and services for parents with diverse disabilities and their families. Advancing the rights of parents with disabilities is included in the work of many programs and grantees within ACL, TLG is one example.

As many families celebrate Father's Day today, it is important to remember people with disabilities still often face profound familial, legal, medical and societal barriers to parenthood.

An estimated 4.1 million parents in the United States are parents with disabilities.

Founded in 1982, TLG's work has been about the transition to parenthood—a beautiful and profound experience—but also a stressful transition for most parents and couples with or without a disability. It is a transition that benefits from extra supports.



In the early years of TLG, it was a common complaint of parents with disabilities that the transition was more difficult because of the lack of role models; fortunately this has changed, particularly with the help of communication through social media. Many parents can extrapolate from their expertise working around other barriers, and bring their problem-solving ingenuity to the new realm of parenthood. For parents with vision or physical disabilities, including pain or fatigue, TLG has found over 25 years, that baby care adaptations/ adaptive strategies can ease the transition to parenthood, preventing over-stressing the body and making baby care enjoyable.

It's important for parents to anticipate social barriers they may face in putting together supports. From the beginning of TLG we found that parents with disabilities who had the means to fund extra supports for parenting, such as baby care adaptations or personal assistance or accessible vans, had a smoother transition into parenthood than those who were living in poverty. There is still a critical lack of publically funded resources for low-income parents with disabilities and their children.

One of the most alarming barriers to parenting for people with disabilities is the heightened risk of having custody of a child challenged or removed based on bias regarding a parent's disability status.

Click [here](#) to read the full blog and explore resources for parents with disabilities.

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### Legislative Disability Commission meeting dates

The Virginia Disability Commission has set meeting dates for the rest of 2016. The Commission is interested in hearing from the public on issues of concern to them. There is a public comment opportunity at every meeting. The meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday, July 19th at 10 AM

Tuesday, September 27th at 2 PM

Tuesday, October 18th at 10 AM

All meetings will be held in House Room C of the General Assembly Building in Richmond. Work Group meetings may be held an hour prior to each meeting.

Further information and an agenda will be provided prior to each meeting

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## Olmstead Ownership for Older Adults

By Edwin Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging

Today marks the 17th anniversary of a landmark Supreme Court decision. In *Olmstead v. L.C.* the Court ruled that people who need assistance with activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, dressing and walking cannot be unnecessarily segregated. They must receive services in the most integrated setting possible. This decision, based on the Americans with Disabilities Act, has great implications for older adults.

All people should have the opportunity to live, work, retire, and contribute to diverse neighborhoods and communities, regardless of age or disability. The *Olmstead* decision has helped make that vision a reality for older adults and people with disabilities alike. In the 2006 and continued in the 2016 Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (click [here](#) to view), Congress directed the Administration on Aging and state aging agencies to reshape the system that provides long-term services and supports to include more home-and-community-based services, expanding the concept and reality of aging in place.

This is just one example of a shift in funding, policy, and attitudes toward community living that reflects the spirit of the *Olmstead* decision. As a result, more and more Americans are living in the settings they choose and are engaging in their communities throughout all stages of their lives.

*Olmstead* is for all of us, and with an estimated 10,000 Americans turning 65 each day, it has never been more important to the aging community. I hope you will join me in adding the anniversary of the *Olmstead* decision to your calendars of dates to celebrate.

### For more information on how *Olmstead* helps older adults:

- Click [here](#) to view the Issue Brief from the Justice in Aging Journal on the impact of the *Olmstead* decision and the Americans with Disabilities on older adults.
- Click [here](#) to view the Issue Brief from the Center for Policy and Evaluation, Administration for Community Living

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## Alert: Governor Announces \$5 Million in Vibrant Community Initiative Funding

Montgomery County and the City of Richmond will each receive \$2.5 million for a regional comprehensive community-based strategy to expanding the availability of affordable housing and creating more opportunity for community residents to succeed.



The HTF funding that is supporting the VCI commits the final portion of the fund for the FY14-16 \$8 million appropriation (click [here](#) to view that announcement). The Governor announced awards for the second round of competitive loan pool and homeless reduction grants in January.

"The Vibrant Community Initiative channels vital funding to affordable housing in central Virginia, which in turn fosters economic growth and job opportunities for communities that need it most," Governor McAuliffe said. "We want to ensure that every Virginian has the opportunities to succeed and this starts with investments at the local level in housing, schools, and infrastructure. By combining state and federal resources, this pilot program will serve as a foundation for future economic investments and local initiatives across Virginia as we continue to build our new Virginia economy."

Click [here](#) to view more about the VCI Funding!

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### **Link Added: Partnerships of Choice, Olmstead Action**

Seventeen years ago today, the Supreme Court decided in *Olmstead v. L.C.* (*Olmstead*) that under the Americans with Disabilities Act, people with disabilities cannot be unnecessarily segregated and must receive services in the most integrated setting possible. This landmark decision is at the core of ACL's mission and has caused a shift in funding, policy, and attitudes toward community living that has improved the quality of countless lives of people with disabilities and older adults. In 2015, the Workforce Investment and Opportunities Act (click [here](#) to view WIOA document) took another step toward codifying the spirit of *Olmstead*, adding transitions as a fifth "core service" provided by Centers for Independent Living. CILs know better than anyone how important transition services are. But in a time of limited resources, the increased expectations that accompany a mission expansion can seem daunting.

We have to remember that supporting transition is not really new for all of us. Empowering people with disabilities to live in the community and assisting youth in making the transition from school to adulthood have been the heart and soul of the independent living movement. WIOA makes the importance of this work explicit. So how do we do it? One of the most exciting ways we can enhance the capacity of the IL networks, and provide the fifth core service within the limits of existing resources, is to expand the partnerships and collaboration with organizations outside of the traditional IL networks.

Some, if not many, CILs have already begun building these relationships. We can all share experiences and best practices and learn from each other's successes and setbacks.



Read my full blog [here](#) and learn about a few examples of how partnerships can help Centers for Independent Living and State Independent Living Councils do what they do best: empower people with disabilities to take charge of our futures, with the services and supports we need to live our lives to the fullest.

We want to learn from and share your partnership successes, too. Share your stories [here](#). Thanks for all you do to make the promise of Olmstead real for people with disabilities of all ages!

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### [Celebrating the 17th Anniversary of the Olmstead Decision ink Added: Partnerships of Choice, Olmstead Action](#)

[JUNE 22, 2016 AT 2:35 PM ET BY MARIA TOWN, VANITA GUPTA](#)

[President Barack Obama looks at a painting presented to him by artist Lois Curtis, center, during their meeting in the Oval Office, June 20, 2011. Joining them are, from left, Janet Hill and Jessica Long, from the Georgia Department of Labor, and Lee Sanders, of Briggs and Associates. \(Official White House Photo by Pete Souza\)](#)

[Summary: Today we celebrate the Supreme Court decision establishing that the unjustified institutional isolation of people with disabilities was a form of unlawful discrimination. For the last eight years, the Obama Administration has led vigorous Olmstead enforcement efforts that have breathed new meaning and real life into the Supreme Court's community integration ruling so that individuals with disabilities can experience success and self-determination.](#)

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