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<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

May 5, 2016

[Moving the Boulder on Elder Justice: 5 Years of Collaboration](#)

By Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary for Aging, HHS



Last week, the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (EJCC) held its [spring meeting](#) on Capitol Hill, hosted by the Senate Special Committee on Aging. We heard from experts from across the country about milestones in three key areas – research, financial services, and spreading knowledge through training – and where the gaps remain.

As I listened to these dedicated, talented people presenting what they have learned and how they are tackling the thorny issues that elder abuse presents, it struck me that we have accomplished a great deal since the EJCC was established in 2012. We – and by ‘we’ I mean all of us who work on the issues of elder justice from our own spheres of influence – have infused new energy into the field by seeking new partners and joining together to see the work more comprehensively than ever. Law enforcement, health care, community organizations, governments, the aging network, the financial services sector, and philanthropy are all involved in doing



this important work.

For the past five years, I've carried around a report I call my "calling card" – I've used it to ask for help from my colleagues at every level of government and in the private sector. In that 2011 report, titled Stronger Federal Leadership Could Enhance the National Response to Elder Abuse, the Government Accountability Office reported that, "[f]ederal elder justice activities have been scattered across agencies and as a whole have had a limited impact on the elder justice field; a clear indication that federal leadership in this area has been lacking."

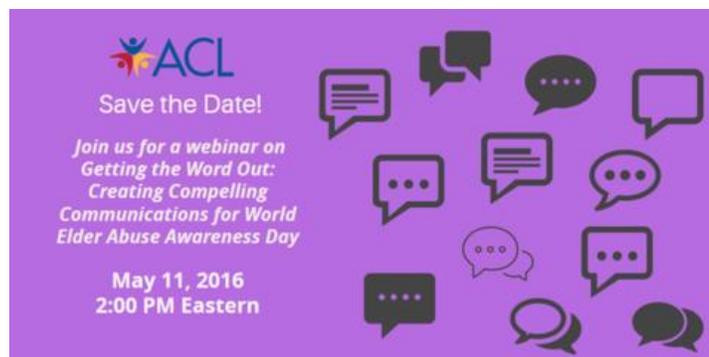
And it was true. But not anymore. We have worked hard to connect the dots with people, with policy and with practice, and we are seeing that approach bear fruit.

[Read more including ASA Greenlee's "short list of priorities" for the future of the elder justice movement.](#)



[Webinar: Getting the Word Out: Creating Compelling Communications for WEAAD](#)

Corrected Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 2:00 pm ET - [Click here to join the webinar](#)





Every June 15, [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day \(WEAAD\)](#) serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to bring attention to the issue of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Join us Wednesday for a webinar on effectively getting the word out about your WEAAD event.

The webinar will cover the latest research on discussing elder abuse, tips for working with reporters and the media, and social media best practices.

Presenters include:

- Ann Mosher, Public Affairs Office, Office of External Affairs, Administration for Community Living
- Andrew Volmert, PhD., Director of Research, FrameWorks Institute
- Ana Poblet-Kouttjie, MPH, Project Coordinator, National Center on Elder Abuse, University of Southern California

Registration is not required. [Join the webinar.](#)

[WEAAD in 100 Tweets: Event Ideas, Tips, and Resources](#)

On April 21, ACL hosted a lively #WEAAD2016 Twitter chat. During the chat advocates and organizations from across the country (and Canada) shared:

- creative WEAAD activities ranging from trainings to purple food.
- successes, challenges, tips, and resources from past WEAAD events.
- the impact of WEAAD in their communities.

Missed the discussion? [Visit the #WEAAD2016 Storify page for highlights from the chat.](#)

Commonwealth Council on Aging 2016 Best Practices Awards

Amy Marschean, Senior Policy Analyst

The Commonwealth Council on Aging announced the Best Practices Awards at the Virginia Governor's Conference on Aging on May 2. Photos of the event are



available on DARS

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vadars/posts/10154137947719450> . The 2016 first (\$5000), second (\$3000) and third (\$2000) place cash prize (provided by Dominion Resources) award winners are:

First Place: “You Can! Live Well, Virginia!” of Senior Connections, the Capital Area Agency on Aging is blazing new ground behind prison walls with scores of Virginia offenders who have proven over the past several years to be remarkably receptive to personally pursuing healthy lifestyle alternatives even in the midst of their severely restricted living conditions. This program is provided in the Greater Richmond region modelled on Stanford University’s evidence-based Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. The certified volunteer trainers have won repeated accolades from the offenders themselves, generating heightened interest among wardens and officials at the Virginia Department of Corrections in efforts to expand the six-week CDSMP workshop to cover more prison locations. Like the entire U.S. population, the offender population in Virginia is rapidly aging bringing predictable cost increases for institutional offender health care that is being borne directly by taxpayers. Every enrollee is already being treated for a chronic illness. Despite early, understandable skepticism about the potential degree of health efficacy and cost reduction within the proscribed and locked environment of a prison, where everything from diets to individual mobility is severely restricted, the skeptics have been happily relieved by the program’s early and continuing success.

Second Place: Southern Area Agency on Aging’s Miles 4 Vets is a door-to-door, wheel-chair accessible transportation service for senior and disabled veterans in the Martinsville, Henry County, and Franklin County area. There is no cost to veterans who use the service. Miles 4 Vets transports local veterans from their home to the Salem Veteran Affairs Medical Center (SVAMC) in Salem, Virginia and back home every Wednesday. Miles 4 Vets began operating in November 2014 and has already served 45 unduplicated veterans. This program is the only service that provides wheel-chair accessible and door-to-door service specifically for resident veterans. Miles 4 Vets hopes to expand until all of the West Piedmont Planning District (Counties of Franklin, Henry, Patrick and Pittsylvania; and the Cities of Danville and Martinsville) is served by the program.

Third Place: Faith Works Home Repair is a collaborative effort involving the faith community and the area agency on aging, **Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. (MEOC)**, to address greatly needed home repairs and modifications for low-income older people who have no other place to turn for help. This effort promotes Aging in Place for hundreds of older people. Unsafe, inaccessible homes are made safer and more accessible thereby allowing the older person to avoid and delay having to move to a more restricted institutional setting. Additionally, the completed home



repairs result in accessibility for family caregivers and professionals to provide the in-home support needed for older people to stay at home where they desperately want to remain. Faith Works matches the donated labor and supervision of faith volunteers with the care coordination department of MEOC and with donated funds for supplies to accomplish for older persons that which could not have been accomplished without collaboration and partnership.

Honorable mention goes to:

Seniors Giving Back to Community is a program of the **Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW)**. It has bolstered self-confidence, pride, and health of senior participants while enriching the community with free dance performances and seminars that educate audiences of all ages and enhance the community's diverse cultural treasures.

The **Adults Plus Counseling** of **Family Services of Roanoke Valley** is a program that offers mental health counseling, case management, including financial management assistance and educational services, to couples or individuals aged 55+, their families and caregivers. The services allow seniors to remain in their homes and communities longer.

The **Richmond Health and Wellness Program**, in partnership with housing communities and other service organizations, provides health and wellness promotion and care coordination services to low-income older and disabled adults at their place of living. The partnership consists of Dominion Place, the Better Housing Coalition, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Richmond Redevelopment Housing Authority to provide services one day a week in five senior apartment buildings in urban Richmond. Supervised by the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing clinical faculty, interprofessional student teams of nursing, pharmacy, social work, medicine, psychology and occupational therapy, provide an intergenerational component. The program is gaining national attention as a model of integrated service provision that is replicable to other settings.

Conference: Engaging the Brain: Aging with Lifelong Disabilities

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

You are invited to the following event:

[ENGAGING THE BRAIN: AGING WITH LIFELONG DISABILITIES](#)





Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:

Monday, June 6, 2016 from 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM (EDT)

DoubleTree by Hilton
1021 Koger Center Boulevard
804-379-3800
Richmond, Virginia 23235

[Attend Event](#)

Share this event:



We have a great conference for you. Engaging the Brain: with Lifelong Disabilities presented by The Area Planning and Services Committee (APSC) on Aging with Lifelong Disabilities.

Engaging the Brain: Aging with Lifelong Disabilities

- When: June 6, 2016
- Where: Double Tree by Hilton (Formerly the Holiday Inn): 1021 Koger Center Blvd, Richmond, VA 23235

Keynote: Maintaining Mental Alertness and Growth with Paul Raia, PhD.

Breakout Sessions:

Nutrition for Brain and Overall Health with Colleen Keller, RD (Senior Connections)

Social and Community Engagement (panel discussion) with:
Missi Boyer, Friendship Cafes
Diane Hardgraves, Independence for Seniors
Colleen Wilhelm, Family Lifeline



Therapeutic Recreation with Shannon Marling

Wellness and Communication with Health Care Providers (Pam Parsons)

Art on Wheels with Kevin and Andrea Orlansky

Transforming Lives through Sport with Cat Anthonly, Sportable

Closing Plenary:

Success Stories: Staying Engaged (panel):

Moderator: Anne McDonnell, Virginia Brain Injury Association
Self Advocates

Share this event on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

We hope you can make it!

Cheers,
APSC

DARS Board Member Quoted in Article on Caregiving

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

Rosemary Rawlins is a member of the DARS Neuro-trauma board and was quoted in this article on caregiving for elders.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/nextavenue/2016/04/26/superheroes-of-caregiving-need-better-support/#37b4762318bd>

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Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant



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From NASUAD

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.

Register Today for the Iowa Conference on Aging & Disabilities!

NASUAD is proud to be sponsoring a National Aging and Disabilities Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, May 23-May 26.



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Check out NASUAD iQ!

This conference will draw speakers from over 30 states. Participants will join us from federal, state government, and local organizations. This is an opportunity to meet service providers, advocacy groups, state staff, managed care organizations, CMS officials, and national association staff to share questions, opportunities, and ideas in thoughtful discussions. Iowa Director of the Iowa Department of Aging, Donna Harvey, presents a [list of reasons](#) why should come to the Iowa GCOAD.

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

Register for the 2016 AIRS I&R Conference

Registration is open for the 38th annual AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference to be held May 22-25, 2016, in St. Louis, Missouri. The National I&R Support Center welcomes aging and disability I&R/A professionals to join us in St. Louis for the National Aging and Disability Information and Referral Symposium held during the AIRS Conference.

The Symposium offers a pre-conference National I&R/A Summit for aging and disability professionals, an Aging and Disability Luncheon, and a full complement of workshops throughout the conference. This year's pre-conference summit will have a special focus on person centered thinking and practices featuring an interactive presentation from Michael Smull, a national expert on person centered systems and a partner in Support Development Associates (SDA). Symposium workshop sessions will feature 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. For a full list of conference workshops, visit [AIRS](#).

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

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 for more



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information.

Medicaid & CHIP: February 2016 Report

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released their monthly report for February 2016 on Medicaid and CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment data. States provide data to CMS on factors related to key application, eligibility and enrollment processes using the Medicaid and CHIP Performance Indicator Project. The data is then used to inform CMS on the operations of the programs in each state and to share state performance data publicly.

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Older Americans Month: Celebrating Trailblazers

May is Older Americans Month, a time the nation takes to honor and celebrate the older individuals in our country. The theme of this year's OAM is "Blaze a Trail." The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is celebrating trailblazers across the nation, older adults, as well as those working with and for them. Americans are leading, supporting, engaging, and trailblazing in countless areas of life, from the creative arts to abuse prevention. ACL wants older adults to send in "Trailblazer selfies" using materials off of their website. This month is used to raise awareness important issues facing older adults and celebrate the work and contributions of older Americans.

[Click here](#) to view details or submit a photo.

[Click here](#) to view OAM materials.



Webinar: Business Acumen Q&A: Where Do I Begin

The Administration for Community Living (ACL), Office of Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs (ONHPP), in collaboration with consultant Tim McNeill, invites you to the Business Acumen webinar entitled, "Where Do I Begin." This question and answer webinar will include examples of the types of services being sold by community based providers, their price ranges, and what community based providers need to have in place to be successful in working with health care providers. Tim McNeill, Independent Health Care Consultant Phantane Sprowls, Program Analyst, ONHPP, will be the webinar presenter and facilitator. The TIM Talks monthly webinar series features discussion of various business acumen related topics in an inviting Q&A format. Feel free to send any specific business acumen related questions in advance to:

phantane.sprohls@acl.hhs.gov. You will also have the opportunity to ask any Business Acumen related questions through the chat function and via the phone live, during the webinar. Pre-registration is required for this free webinar. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, May 17, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ET.**

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

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CMS Releases 2014 Managed Care Enrollment Data

On Wednesday, May 4, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Managed Care Enrollment Data from 2014. The annual 2014 Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment Report is created by the Division of Managed Care Plans and the Data and Systems Group in the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services at CMS, with assistance from Mathematica Policy Research. Data on Medicaid enrollment is collected from every state, territory, and the District of Columbia, and is broken down into categories by program, population, and state. The report provides tables with nationwide data and data by state.

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



[Click here](#) to view the state data.

Informational Bulletin about Social Security Number Removal Initiative

On Thursday, May 5, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a bulletin about the Social Security Number Removal Initiative (SSNRI). On April 16, 2015, Congress passed the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015 (PL 114-10) on April 16, 2015. MACRA included a requirement that Social Security Numbers be removed from Medicare ID cards and instead be replaced with a randomly generated identifier. This requirement was included to minimize the risk of identity theft that Medicare beneficiaries face.

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

Webinar: Person-Centered Planning (PCP) Systems Part 2

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting the second piece of a two-part webinar on person-centered planning (PCP) systems. On May 4, CMS hosted a webinar that provided information on ways states can implement person-centered planning requirements and concepts and provide instructions to the state regarding core principles/strategies that will promote person-centered systems and systemic program development. This second webinar on person-centered planning will explore key elements to approaching the development of robust person-centered planning service delivery from a systems-change framework. Examples of strategies that states are deploying to enhance the quality in person-centered planning practices within HCBS across populations will be highlighted. The presentation will conclude with a reminder of ways Medicaid funding authorities can be leveraged to support state's capacity building activities related to PCP. Invited guest presenters include Dr. Janis Tondora (Program for Recovery and Community Health, Yale Department of Psychiatry) and Laura Nuss, former director of the DC Department of Disability Services. Pre-registration is required for this free webinar. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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



From Other Organizations

American Society on Aging

Call for Proposals to Present at AiA17

The Call for Proposals to present at the American Society on Aging's 2017 Aging in America Conference (AiA17) is now open! Mark your calendar and plan to join ASA from March 20-24 in Chicago. 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 your ideas, research, innovative programs, new models, successful outcomes, and policy agendas with this conference community of nearly 3,000 multidisciplinary professionals who, like you, are working to improve the lives of older adults. The deadline to submit is **June 30, 2016**. Proposals will be reviewed and accepted in the order in which they were submitted. Symposium and workshop opportunities are limited, so plan to submit your proposal early!

[Click here](#) to view details and start a submission.

ANCOR and Health Management Associates

Webinar: Provider Tax Primer

The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) and Health Management Associates (HMA) are hosting a webinar on the Provider Tax Primer. The provider tax is one of the most novel - and misunderstood - strategies used by states to fund their Medicaid programs. It works like this: states tax providers, then use the same funds to reimburse providers for Medicaid services, which in turn allows the state to receive federal matching funds. The implications and regulatory intricacies are significant, including which providers can participate, which programs get funded, and whether the funding mechanism is entirely fair. It has also put certain providers in the awkward position of actually wanting to be taxed. During this webinar, healthcare industry experts from



HMA and ANCOR will provide an overview of the provider tax and how it's used by states to help pay for a variety of Medicaid programs, including expansion. This webinar is recommended for executives of community providers of services to individuals with disabilities, health systems, physician practices, FQHCs, SNFs, and other provider organizations; and Medicaid directors and staff. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Health Management Associates

Webinar: Healthcare Organizational Efficiency and Effectiveness

Health Management Associates (HMA) is hosting a webinar on the two separate frameworks that support common goals for healthcare organizational efficiency and effectiveness. Strategic planning and operations needs assessment go hand-in-hand. That is especially true for healthcare organizations in an emerging world of risk-sharing, population health management, and integrated care. During this webinar, HMA and Day Health Strategies will outline two complementary frameworks designed to help healthcare organizations achieve higher levels of performance by marrying strategic planning with a clear assessment of the operational and information technology (IT) investments needed to achieve long-term goals. The frameworks include tools that help diagnose critical areas of organizational performance which, if improved, can drive significant efficiency gains across your organization. This webinar is recommended for leaders of health systems, integrated delivery systems, accountable care organizations, hospitals, health homes, clinics, and public health agencies. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, May 17, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

National Association of Medicaid Directors

Final Regulation on Mental Health



Parity in Medicaid: NAMD Summary

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a final rule in April 2016, that implements mental health parity in Medicaid, a requirement of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA). The National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) published a comprehensive summary of the final rule. The requirements apply to the following Medicaid service delivery models:

"Individuals served in Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), including when some services are provided through PIHPs, PAHPs, and FFS to MCO enrollees; Medicaid alternative benefit plans (ABPs) in all delivery models; and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan, regardless of delivery model."

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

National Resource Center for Nutrition and Aging

Building the Business Capacity of Senior Nutrition Programs Learning Collaborative Grants

The National Resource Center for Nutrition and Aging has announced the availability of funding for eight (8) community-based Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Programs interested in strengthening their business capacity. The first Business Acumen Learning Collaborative was announced August 2015.

The Senior Nutrition Program Business Acumen Learning Collaborative is designed to help funded OAA nutrition programs strengthen their business capacity and align service capabilities to prepare to negotiate contracts with healthcare entities, either directly or as a part of a community-based network and to help improve the sustainability of their programs. This initiative provides funding, via eight (8) \$10,000 mini-grant awards, and technical assistance, both in-person and through a variety of other learning activities. Eligible applicants are OAA Nutrition Programs that currently receive funding from the Older Americans Act for Title III Part C - Nutrition Services



or Title VI Grants for Native Americans to provide meals and other nutrition services to older adults in their community. The applicant organization can be either a public organization or private, non-profit organization. This initiative is funded in part by a cooperative agreement between the US Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services and Meals on Wheels America.

Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the Applicant Informational webinar on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. All requirements stated in the Request for Applications must be met in order for an application to be considered. Applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM ET on Friday, June 3, 2016**.

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

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

Events

Accelerating the Use of Evidence in Health Care Practice, Policy, and Decision Making

The Mathematica Center on Health Care Effectiveness is sponsoring a policy forum and live webinar on accelerating the use of evidence in health care practice, policy, and decision making. The event will describe the PCORI Dissemination and Implementation Framework and Toolkit and reflect on challenges in accelerating the use of evidence in practice, policy, and decision making. A panel of speakers representing practitioners, policymakers, and patients will respond to the presentation and offer their own perspectives on challenges to accelerating the use of evidence in health care decision making. Speakers for the webinar are: Dominick Esposito, Mathematica; Jessica Heeringa, Mathematica; David Knutson, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Amy Kratchman, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Robert Phillips, American Board of Family Medicine; and Jennifer Reck, National Academy for State Health Policy. Pre-registration is required for this event. The event will take place via live webcast and in person at the Mathematica Office in **Washington, DC, on Thursday, May 12, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30**



p.m. ET.

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

Jobs & Internships

NASHP Seeks Policy Team Project Director

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is seeking an individual to join the Chronic and Vulnerable Populations (CVP) policy team as a Project Director (PD). The Project Director will lead day-to-day operations for at least one major initiative for NASHP, and will join additional project teams as a team member. The primary focus of this work will be on state and federal health policy issues related to major state healthcare delivery system reforms. This includes managing a large federally funded initiative providing technical assistance to states to accelerate new payment and delivery system reforms, including the integration of physical and behavioral health care systems. In addition, the PD will participate in a federally funded evaluation of states' multi-payer delivery system reform efforts. Additional responsibilities will be determined based on the PD's interests and skills. This position can be located in Portland, Maine or Washington, DC. All applications must be submitted by **Tuesday, May 31, 2016**.

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

Funding Opportunities

Disability & Rehabilitation Research Projects Program: Employment of People with Disabilities-Development

The Administration for Community Living released the development grant opportunity for the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Project Program (DRRP): Employment of Individuals with Disabilities. The purpose of NIDILRR's Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to plan and conduct research,



demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act). Under this particular DRRP priority, applicants must propose a development project that is aimed at improving the employment outcomes of individuals with disabilities. In carrying out a development project under this program, a grantee must use knowledge and understanding gained from research to create materials, devices, systems, or methods beneficial to the target population, including design and development of prototypes and processes. Please note that this will be the Funding Opportunity for field-initiated DRRP development projects in the employment domain. NIDILRR plans to make two field-initiated DRRP awards in the employment domain. NIDILRR's field-initiated DRRP awards in the employment domain may include research projects, development projects, or both, depending on the ranking of applications provided by the peer review panel. All applications are due by **11:59 p.m. ET on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.**

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

Rides to Wellness Demonstration & Innovative Coordinated Access Grants

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of approximately \$5.3 million of funding from two programs to support the Rides to Wellness Demonstration and Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grants (R2W Demonstration Grants). The goal of the competitive R2W Demonstration Grants is to find and test promising, replicable public transportation healthcare access solutions that support the following goals: increased access to care, improved health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs. Eligible applicants include: States, Tribes, and designated or direct recipients for funds under 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5310 or 5311. Proposers must serve as the lead agency of a local consortium that includes stakeholders from the transportation, healthcare, human service or other sectors. Members of this consortium are eligible as



subrecipients. Further, proposers must demonstrate that the proposed project was planned through an inclusive process with the involvement of the transportation, healthcare and human service industries. Eligible projects must have implementation ready capital and operating projects that enhance access, such as: mobility management; health and transportation provider partnerships; technology; and other actions that drive change. These R2W Demonstration Grants will develop best practice solutions that other communities can replicate. All applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.**

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

State Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) released a grant opportunity for states to enhance Adult Protective Services. This demonstration is designed to provide states funding to strengthen their APS systems statewide, to include improvement in practice, services, and data collection and reporting, as well as their technical ability to interface with ACL's National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS). Eligible applicants are the state government offices that administer the state's adult protective services and/or elder protective services program. Recipients of an award under this program in FY 2015 are NOT eligible to apply for funding under this opportunity. Foreign entities are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement. All applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.**

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Action Alert: Tell Congress to Oppose CMS' Comparative Effect



The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has proposed a new rule to use assessments, such as quality-adjusted-life-years (QALYs), to determine the value of certain treatments under Medicare. This sort of across-the-board approach to healthcare is in direct opposition to Independent Living and poses real risk to Medicare recipients with disabilities. We know the medical model doesn't value our lives and we have to ensure that health and medical decisions are squarely ours to make.



Our colleagues at the Partnership to Improve Patient Care have developed a great opposition letter that you can share with your Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Just click [here](#) to learn more and tell Congress to Oppose CMS' Comparative Effectiveness Proposal!

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Invitation to Participate: Diversity Partners Survey

You are the expert!



As an employment service professional, we know that you have a lot to say about working with employers and supporting jobseekers, including individuals with disabilities. We want to learn from you!

Please help us better understand the successes and challenges that you experience in your job by completing our anonymous survey. It will take approximately 20 minutes.

Why are we asking you to do this? And who is asking? •We are the Diversity Partners Project of the Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

- We are developing an online learning tool for professionals like you to support your work.
- The Diversity Partners tools and resources will provide strategies to help you and your organization develop strong relationships with business and better support jobseekers with disabilities.
- We need to learn about your real-life experiences to make these tools and resources the best they can be. For you.

Your time is valuable! As a token of our appreciation for your completion of the survey, you may choose to enter into a drawing to win an iPad Mini. More information on this is provided at the end of the survey. Click [here](#) to take the survey



Participation in the survey is completely voluntary and anonymous. Your answers to open-ended questions may be used verbatim in Diversity Partners materials, but with no identifying information. There are no anticipated risks associated with your decision to participate in the survey. Funding for this project comes from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). If you have any questions concerning the survey, please contact Carolina Harris at charris@cornell.edu

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Nominations Sought for Women's Caucus Hall of Fame Award



The NCIL Women's Caucus is pleased to announce nominations for the NCIL Women's Caucus 2016 IL Hall of Fame Award.

We are seeking women who are leaders in our movement, who mentor other women in their community, and who work hard to push forward the rights of women with disabilities.

The caucus is seeking nominations from now until May 31 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern. Winners will be announced at NCIL's Annual Conference in July.

If you know someone who fits the bill, please click [here](#) to fill out our nomination form.

In keeping with the theme of the Conference, "Solidarity: Everybody In," we are looking for nominations that include leaders who work to allow the new generation of IL women to lead.

We know that the Independent Living Movement began with young leaders and that many young people today are making their mark in the Movement at a younger age. We are looking for nominations about these young women.

We are also hoping to receive nominations that encompass the full NCIL membership. We hope to have inductees into the hall of fame who have a diverse



background when it comes to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, and disability.

On the first Friday of every month, a group of women who are members of NCIL speak together about important policy issues facing women who have disabilities. We talk about leadership opportunities, mentoring, and most importantly, advocacy strategies.

We invite you to join these calls and become part of this work! For more information, contact Sarah Launderville at slaunderville@vcil.org or Mary Margaret Moore at mmmoore@ilcnsca.org.

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Action Alert: Submit Comments in Support of the Food and Drug Administration's Ban on Electrical Stimulation Devices!



Earlier this week, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published proposed regulations that would ban electrical stimulation devices used as behavioral "treatment." These devices are used to deliver electric shocks as punishment for behaviors in both children and adults with disabilities, and disability advocates have been fighting to end the use of these devices for decades.

This is an issue that has received much attention from NCIL and other disability rights groups over the last several years. Many of you are familiar with the Judge Rotenberg Center (JRC) in Massachusetts. Despite opposition from previous residents, parents, and disability advocates around the country, JRC continues to use electric shock devices. It is the only institution in the country that still uses them. NCIL, along with other members of the Alliance to Prevent Restraint, Aversive Interventions and Seclusion (APRAIS), has advocated many times for the JRC to end their use of these devices (click [here](#) to read the APRAIS letter) and for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) to stop funding the JRC (click [here](#) to read the funding letter).

In 2011, NCIL adopted a resolution of opposition to involuntary electroshock (click [here](#) to view the resolution). Decades of evidence has shown that the use of these devices is incredibly dangerous, posing risks to both psychological and physical health. Additionally, and equally important, the use of electric shock devices is incredibly cruel and dehumanizing.



The FDA has finally determined that these devices present an unreasonable and substantial risk of illness or injury, and they are proposing to ban both new devices and those already in distribution and use. This ban is long overdue, and we need to let them know that we strongly support this decision!

Please submit comments in support of the ban. Comments are due on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. You can submit them online [here](#) (click the "comment now" button), or you can mail your comments to: Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. If you are submitting comments that you would like to be held confidential, you must submit them by mail.

We urge you to take a few moments to express your support of this ban. We know that the JRC and their supporters will be flooding the FDA with comments opposing this ban, and we need to make sure they hear from all of us who support it!

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Expanding Housing Options for Persons with Disabilities Online Course-- Registration Deadline May 20



COURSE DATES: June 6-24, 2016

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 20, 2016

COURSE FEES: The course fee is \$100 per participant.

PURPOSE: This course will assist participants in understanding, accessing, and expanding the funding sources, systems, planning processes, and programs involved in community-based housing for persons with disabilities.

TARGET AUDIENCE: IL Center Staff, especially administrators, housing specialists, and advocates; it may also be of benefit to CIL board members, and staff and members of Statewide Independent Living Councils.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to: identify and match major sources of federal or state funding for housing to consumer needs; implement effective advocacy strategies to



expand housing resources for people with disabilities; play a significant role in your community's housing planning processes; and forge alliances with key housing partners.

FORMAT: Participants will read assignments in the online course manual, complete exercises assigned by the instructor, and interact daily with the instructor and other students in an online discussion forum

For more information and registration, click [here](#).

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BeSpoke voices: Empowering personal and social self-identity for those who rely on speech generating devices to communicate



Ever wondered how personal a voice can be? Did you know that each one of us has a unique voiceprint that conveys our personality, physical size, age, gender, race, intellectual ability, attractiveness, sexual orientation, and even personality? What happens to an individual's sense of identity when using impersonal, machine produced voices?

To get answers to these and related questions, RSVP [here](#) for the FREE webinar with Dr. Rupal Patel, lead investigator of the VocaliD project and creator of BeSpoke voices, a Human Voicebank of custom crafted voices!

When: May 26th at 4:00 - 5:00 PM ET

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2016 Home and Community Based Conference!



Join us for the 2016 HCBS Conference!



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 IADD to CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, Office of Developmental Disabilities, and other federal agencies.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the conference and register!

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Come Join Us at the U.S. Department of Education! EYE to EYE Diplomats Want to Meet You!



The magic happens when Eye to Eye gets face to face.
Meet and hear some Eye to Eye Diplomats.

DATE: May 11 from 11:00am to 12:00pm EDT
U.S. Department of Education



PCP Auditorium, 10th Floor, 550 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20202

Eye to Eye's mission is to improve the life of every person with a learning disability by supporting and growing a network of youth mentoring programs run by and for those with learning differences, and by organizing advocates to support the full inclusion of people with learning disabilities and ADHD in all aspects of society.

For more information, click [here](#).

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Responsible Case Management for the Substance Exposed Mature Driver

Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs

In June 2016, the Virginia Department of Health, Virginia Commonwealth University, and state and local substance abuse and safety focused organizations are partnering to offer a free forum that will provide healthcare providers with knowledge and skills to apply in the clinical practice for addressing the elements of responsible case management for the substance exposed mature driver. This forum will encompass content focusing on alcohol and drug interaction in the older adult, responsible case management screening, referral, and treatment, the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles medical review process, driver safety among mature adults, and state and local resources for healthcare provider access.

Registration is now open. To register, please go to the following link at VCU:

<http://www.vcuhealth.org/cme>

Save the Date!

Responsible Case Management for the Substance Exposed Mature Driver

A Healthcare Provider Training

June 10, 2016 • Richmond, Virginia **and** June 24, 2016 • Roanoke, Virginia
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Course Description

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Locations	June 10, 2016 John Tyler Community College , Chester Campus Community College Workforce Alliance 13101 Jefferson Davis Highway Chester, VA 23831	June 24, 2016 Virginia Western Community College 3094 Colonial Avenue Roanoke, VA 24015
Fees	There are no fees for this activity. However, advance registration is required.	
Cancellation	While there is no charge to attend this program, there is a cost for it to be offered.	
Target Audience	Practicing/Licensed MDs/DOs, APNs, PAs, Medical Students, substance abuse professionals, and rehabilitation professionals in the Commonwealth.	
Skill Level	No prior skill level is required to attend; however, this course is designed for prescribers, dispensers, substance abuse professionals, and rehabilitation safety professionals caring for mature adults.	
Methods	Lecture and case-studies	
Learning Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "Pharmacology and Toxicology of Substance Abuse in the Mature Adult"2. Prescription Drug Abuse "Universal Precautions"3. SBIRT: 101 training4. "The DMV Medical Review Process: Strategies to help your patients"5. Prescription Monitoring Program: "Maximizing Management, Minimizing Risk"6. Stakeholder Resource Sharing	