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ACL News & Information
Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):
http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/NewsInfo/Index.aspx

NASUAD Weekly Update
Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:
http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday-update

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December 3, 2015

Celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

ACL joins President Obama and communities around the world in observing the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The United Nations General Assembly first proclaimed this day in 1992 to promote action and raise awareness about disability issues and draw attention to the benefits of an inclusive and accessible society for people of all abilities.

This year’s theme is “Inclusion Matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities.” Around the world, people with disabilities face far too many physical, social, and attitudinal barriers that prevent them from fully participating and thriving in the community. The obstacle can be an inaccessible building, a discriminatory law, abuse or neglect, or the expectation of failure.

Over the past year, ACL Administrator Kathy Greenlee has joined colleagues from the Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development to bring attention to the barriers faced by people with disabilities across the lifespan globally at international meetings including the 70th United Nations General Assembly and the 59th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

And every day, ACL-funded programs seek to remove barriers and
promote inclusion for people with disabilities of all ages in the United States. These include programs that:

- Promote independent living for people with disabilities.
- Investigate suspected abuse and neglect and provide legal advocacy services for people with disabilities.
- Increase access to assistive technology for people with disability.
- Empower people with developmental disabilities and their families to become leaders actively helping to make systems more effective and efficient.
- Conduct and put into practice cutting-edge research on disability, rehabilitation, and independent living.

Learn more about the International Day of Persons with Disabilities:

- Proclamation from President Obama
- Video Message from Judy Heumann, Special Advisor for International Disability Rights at the U.S. Department of State
- Message from the United Nations Secretary-General

December 7, 2015

PLEASE SHARE: Join the FEMA Office of Disability Integration and Coordination as a Disability Integration Advisor

FEMA’s Office of Disability Integration and Coordination is now accepting applications for several full-time vacancies at FEMA HQ and across the US.

ODIC’s mission is to lead and achieve whole community emergency management, inclusive of individuals with
disabilities, and others with access and functional needs. The office provides guidance, tools, methods, programs and strategies for physical, program and effective communication access before, during and after disasters.

To view and apply for these positions or for full information, including key requirements and a description of duties, please click the following links provided below to access the job announcements through USAJobs.gov.

https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/423342800
https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetail/423322100
https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetail/423331900

These announcements will close on December 18, 2015 OR the date the 200th application is received, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions, please contact Mia Burke at mia.burke@fema.dhs.gov or by phone number 202-212-4693.

PLEASE SHARE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Virginia Governor's Conference on Aging: "Designing Our Future" to be held May 2 and 3, 2016**

*Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations*

Breakout session proposals addressing the conference themes will be accepted through December 15, 2015. Please use the attached form. The three main conference themes include:

- Culture Change in Long-Term Services and Supports
- Safety and Financial Security: Older Adults in the new Virginia Economy
- Livable Communities: Overcoming Barriers and Sharing Strategies

Please submit your proposal to Martina James at Martina.James@dars.virginia.gov.

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**National Institute on Aging Weekly Digest Bulletin**

*Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations*
Did Thanksgiving taste different this year?

11/30/2015

Turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie! The holidays are filled with the aromas of our favorite foods. If you aren’t enjoying the smells and tastes of the season, you could be having trouble with your senses.

Learn more about changes in smell and taste in this AgePage.

Share this information on social media:

- Missing the smell & taste of the #holidays? Learn how sense can change as you age & what you can do: http://1.usa.gov/1eV0nqV #healthyaging
- Loss of smell can cause food to taste different. Read about the smell/taste connection: http://1.usa.gov/1eV0nqV #nutrition #healthyeating
Unlocking the genetic code for healthy aging and longevity

12/02/2015

Translating genetic research to find new links to healthy aging.

Nalini Raghavachari, Health Scientist Administrator, Division of Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology

NIA’s Division of Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology has developed a research program on the translation of genetic factors associated with longevity, giving us the chance to find new therapeutic targets to promote healthy aging. Translational genomics offers opportunities to identify new targets based on knowledge of the functional pathways of the gene variants associated with longevity. Read the full blog post.
IRS Tax Exempt Information & Government Entities

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

Health Coverage Information Reporting Deadlines for Applicable Large Employers are Approaching

Who Must Report?

As a governmental, Tribal, tax-exempt or for-profit employer, if you are an applicable large employer you are subject to the Affordable Care Act information reporting requirements. These requirements apply to you whether or not you offered health coverage to your employees.

You are an applicable large employer for 2015 if you had 50 or more full-time employees,
including full-time equivalent employees, in 2014.

What Must You Report?

If you were an applicable large employer in 2015, you must file information returns with the IRS and provide statements to each employee who was a full-time employee for at least one month of the year about health coverage you offered or to show that you did not offer health coverage.

What Forms Must Be Used To Report?

- Form 1094-C, Transmittal of Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage Information Return: used to report to the IRS summary information for each employer and to transmit Forms 1095-C to the IRS.
- Form 1095-C, Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage: used to report required information to your employees and to report information about each employee to the IRS.

What Are The Due Dates For Reporting?

- Forms 1095-C must be provided to your employees by February 1, 2016.
- Forms 1094-C and 1095-C are due to the IRS by February 29, 2016, if filing on paper, or March 31, 2016, if filing electronically.

More Information

For more information, see our questions and answers about Reporting of Offers of Health Insurance Coverage by Employers on IRS.gov/aca.
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