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DARS Assistive Technology Pinterest Page

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

DARS has created a Pinterest page on assistive technology (AT) devices. This resource may be useful to anyone who might need AT for physical needs, auditory needs and visual needs. The link is at <http://pinterest.com/vaeo55/> and it was developed in conjunction with Executive Order 55. Supporting Virginians with Disabilities in the Commonwealth's Workforce Importance of Employment for Virginians with Disabilities.

Retirement of Charlotte Peterson

Marica Monroe, Financial Statement Reporting and Accounting Manager

Greetings everyone. It is with mixed emotions that I inform everyone that Charlotte Peterson is retiring. After 38 years of service to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Charlotte's last day will be June 28, 2013. Charlotte served as the Accountant Senior for the Virginia Division for Aging. You will likely have worked with Charlotte to obtain or answer questions regarding

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regarding your remittance or to inquire about a payment. Please join me in congratulating Charlotte on a well-deserved retirement, she will truly be missed.

Many of you have already been working with Teresa Bennett, who will be assuming these duties. She can be reached at teresa.bennett@dars.virginia.gov.

If you have any questions, please call me at (804) 662-9320 or e-mail me at marica.monroe@dars.virginia.gov. Thank you.

Performance and Compliance Review Reports Definitions

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

The following list describes the different categories that often appears in the Performance and Compliance Review Reports.

Monitoring Report Definitions

Findings – A process or procedure that violates a requirement found in the Older Americans Act, State Law, Federal or State Regulations, VDA Service Standards, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Also included are violations to other federal or state requirements if the program is subject to the funding requirements and internal agency policies. All findings require a Corrective Action Plan.

Corrective Action Plan – A Corrective Action Plan is required for every finding. Generally Corrective Action Plans are required to be submitted to VDA with 60 days from the date of the report. However, if the issue is a matter of safety or time is of the essence, a shorter response time may be given.

Observations – Observations may be positive, neutral, or negative. Negative observations involve one of the following: 1) a process or procedure (or lack thereof) not specified in any authoritative pronouncement or not a direct violation; or 2) a new requirement where VDA has discretion in the timeframe of its implementation. If a negative observation is not corrected by the following monitoring review, it will generally become a finding.

Recommendations – Actions that the reviewer believes can be taken to improve a management practice or unregulated activity, service program, and/or improve agency operations. Recommendations are usually provided for negative observations. Agencies are not required to follow recommendations, however, the agency should seriously consider the recommendation or propose an alternative action in the corrective action plan.



Best Practice – A project or practice worthy of recognition and sharing with other agencies for replication.

Background – Additional description of situations reviewed or observed. It can also include citation of regulations, code, or guidelines.

ACL and NASUAD and ADRC TAE Newsletter Weekly Updates

Tim Catherman, Director, Aging Operations

Here is the weekly Administration for Community Living (ACL) update. Congratulations to MEOC for being one of 17 Communities Awarded Funding through the grant [Strengthening Inclusive Coordinated Transportation Partnerships to Promote Community Living](#).



Newsletter

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17 Communities Awarded Funding to Support Transportation Services for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

In late May, 17 communities were awarded grants to improve coordinated transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities. Funding for these projects was provided by the [Strengthening Inclusive Coordinated Transportation Partnerships to Promote Community Living](#), a project funded by the U.S. Administration for Community Living and administered by the Community Transportation Association of America.

The intent of the projects is to demonstrate that when engaged from the onset, older adults and people with disabilities, including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, are valued stakeholders in the planning and delivery of transportation services specifically designed for them.

The 17 selected projects include:



- Community Action Commission of Fayette County, Washington Court House, OH
- Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, Toledo, OH
- Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Southfield, MI
- Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, Knoxville, TN
- Ride Connection, Inc., Portland, OR
- City of Helena, Helena, MT
- Montgomery County Maryland, Rockville, MD
- Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County, Fort Worth, TX
- Lifestream Services, Inc., Yorktown, IN
- Alaska Mobility Coalition, Anchorage, AK
- Indian Nations Council of Governments, Tulsa, OK
- Columbia County Health and Human Services, Portage, WI
- Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc., Big Stone Gap, VA
- National Participant Network, Taos, NM
- Marin Transit, San Rafael, CA
- Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Authority, Des Moines, IA
- The Arc of Connecticut, Hartford, CT

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ACL Administrator Greenlee to Address United Nations on 8th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Please join Kathy Greenlee, Administration for Community Living (ACL) Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, as well as representatives of other governments, international and domestic organizations, for a live-streamed symposium in observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

This event will take place on Friday, June 14, 2013 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. All are invited to view the symposium live from 1:15-2:30 p.m. at <http://webtv.un.org/>. An archived video of the event will be available at a later date.

This event is hosted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Administration for Community Living, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, U.S. Mission to the UN, UN NGO Committee on Ageing, and AARP.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Marla Bush at marla.bush@acl.hhs.gov.

Other Ways to Observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15, 2013



We are much closer to seeing representation from every state in the U.S. on the [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Event map](#)! Wouldn't it be amazing to know that events to raise awareness are happening in every state?

Please take a stand for dignity and respect of our elders. Use our online form to [share your WEAAD event](#) and encourage your colleagues to add their event as well.

If you are not able to participate in a formal event, listed below are other simple actions you can take to commemorate WEAAD.

1. Bring [a flyer or a fact sheet](#) to a friend or family member to help educate them about elder abuse and how to protect themselves.
2. Take the ["I Will" pledge](#).
3. Add "I won't stand for elder abuse - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2013" to your email signature.
4. Post a Facebook status or tweet about elder abuse on June 15.
5. Encourage your kids or your recently retired friends to [volunteer](#) for a project that supports the dignity and value of older adults.

As part of the Year of Elder Abuse Prevention, the Administration for Community Living is pleased to provide information, tools and resources to support partners in their efforts to raise public awareness about elder abuse and shed light on the importance of preventing, identifying, and responding to this serious, often hidden problem. Check out the [YEAP toolkit and WEAAD logos](#) for resources when planning your activities.

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Medicare Urges Seniors to Join the Fight against Fraud

New health care summaries help seniors identify improper payments

In mailboxes across the country, people with Medicare will soon see a redesigned statement of their claims for services and benefits. The new statement will help them better spot potential fraud, waste and abuse. These new [Medicare Summary Notices](#) are just one more way the Obama Administration is making the elimination of fraud, waste and abuse in health care a top priority. Because of actions like these and new tools under the Affordable Care Act, the number of suspect providers and suppliers thrown out of the Medicare program has more than doubled in 35 states.

The redesigned notice will make it easier for people with Medicare to understand their benefits, file an appeal if a claim is denied, and spot claims for services they never



received. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will send the notices to Medicare beneficiaries on a quarterly basis.

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Funding Opportunity

SAMSHA Funding Opportunity

The Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration SAMHSA, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2013 grants for [Using New Media to Prevent Substance Abuse & HIV/AIDS for Populations at High Risk](#) (Short Title: SA & HIV/AIDS Prevention & New Media). The purpose of this Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) program is to use new media to promote targeted SA and HIV prevention messages to racial/ethnic populations at high risk for SA and HIV infection.

The application deadline is July 2, 2013.

For questions, send an email to MAI-Emerg-Tech2013@samhsa.hhs.gov or telephone Judith Ellis at (240) 276-2567.

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Stay Informed

Webinar on *Finding Lost Pension Plans*

The webinar *Finding Lost Pension Plans* is hosted by the Pension Rights Center, a grantee of the U.S. Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging. Participants in this webinar will learn about the problem of lost pension plans and the resources available to find these plans.

Speaker: Emily Spreiser, Staff Attorney, Pension Rights Center

Date: June 18, 2013

Time: 12:30 p.m. EDT

[Register.](#)



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Everyone Plays a Role in Suicide Prevention: Turning Strategy into Action

Kick-off 75 days of action until National Suicide Awareness Day, September 10, 2013

Did you know that more than 100 Americans die by suicide each day and 8 million adults in the U.S. had serious thoughts of suicide within the past 12 months? Among older adults, suicide attempts are often more lethal than in younger adults. The lethality of older adult suicide attempts suggests that intervention must be aggressive and that multiple prevention methods must be used. To learn more about the risk factors for suicide among older adults and strategies to prevent it, read the Older Americans Behavioral Health Issue Brief [Preventing Suicide in Older Adults](#).

Join the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region V for its discussion *Everyone Plays a Role in Suicide Prevention: Turning Strategy into Action*. You can participate live or by webcast. Also, the keynote, plenary presentations and panel will be webcast to "echo events" across the nation with interactivity between the echo sites and the main event. Following the webcast, the host organization will lead discussions on best practices to engage local participants to develop an action plan specific to their work and setting.

Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. CST

Three ways to participate:

Live Event

[Register](#)

Webcast

[Register](#)

Echo Site

[Register](#)

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Webinar Reminders

June National I&R/A Support Center Conference Call

The next National I&R/A Support Center Conference Call will feature Joseph Amaroso (CIRS-A), Director of New Jersey's Division of Disability Services. Mr. Amaroso will address disaster preparedness for the national aging and disability I&R/A network, and will draw upon New Jersey's experience with Hurricane Sandy for his presentation.

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013



Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET

Call info: 888-346-3659; Passcode: 382574

The Support Center [posts](#) audio recordings and PowerPoint presentations of all of its calls.

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Webinar on Using Deliberative Methods to Engage the Public: Facilitating a Deliberative Session

The Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) invites you to participate in a webinar on *Using Deliberative Methods to Engage the Public: Facilitating a Deliberative Session* to explore the views of patients, consumers, or other members of the community on challenging public problems in healthcare or related areas.

Specific topics in this webinar will include:

- Facilitation techniques and tools
- Guiding the discussion Managing unpredictable situations
- Group exercises
- Training resources

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EDT

[Register.](#)

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Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2015

The *Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs)* is a federal document based on the most recent scientific evidence that provides information and advice for choosing an eating pattern which promotes health and decreases the risk of chronic disease. The DGAs are intended to aid the design and implementation of nutrition programs. The Older Americans Act requires adherence to the DGAs for Nutrition Services.

The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee reviews the science and provides recommendations to the federal government for the 2015 document. The first meeting of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee will be held on June 13-14,



2013. Webcast or in-person advanced registration is required. [Click here](#) for more information about registration, materials, future meetings, and the comment process.

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Webinar on Community Health Workers and Reducing Disparities in Diabetes: Lessons Learned From the Front Lines of Care

Date: Monday, June 17, 2013

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT

Community health workers (CHWs) who are part of the Diabetes Equity Project (DEP) in Dallas are helping to improve the health of underserved people living with diabetes. DEP is one of five local programs that make up the Alliance to Reduce Disparities in Diabetes that is implementing community-based health care improvement strategies for vulnerable populations. Baylor Health Care System, where the DEP program is located, has seen improved health outcomes and reduced costs as a result of integrating CHWs on the front lines of care.

Webinar participants will learn about:

- Opportunities for expanding the use of CHWs and ways for other states and health systems to leverage the lessons learned at Baylor.
- Process Baylor took to recruit, train and credential CHWs
- First-hand experience of a Baylor CHW

Panel:

- Belinda Nelson, PhD, Research Investigator, National Program Office, Alliance to Reduce Disparities in Diabetes (Moderator)
- Christine A. Snead, RN, CPHQ, Nurse Manager, Care Coordination, Baylor Physician Services, Baylor Health Care System
- Magdalena Lopez, Community Health Worker, HealthTexas Provider Network, Baylor Health Care System
- James Walton, DO, MBA, President and CEO, Genesis Physicians Group, Former Vice President Network Performance, Baylor Quality Alliance, Baylor Health Care System

[Register.](#)

This webinar is sponsored by the Alliance to Reduce Disparities in Diabetes.

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Tools & Information

HUD Issues New Guidance to Encourage Integrated Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) last week issued [new guidance](#) to HUD-assisted housing providers on how they can support state and local *Olmstead* efforts to increase the integrated housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities who are transitioning from, or at serious risk of entering, institutions and other restrictive, segregated settings.

[Read more.](#)

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National HIV Testing Day

With the annual observance of (NHTD) on June 27, advocates, policy makers, healthcare providers, and others are encouraging people to “Take the Test. Take Control”.

Since NHTD was first observed in 2005, there has been a tremendous rise in the use of new media tools. In June 2010, AIDS.gov launched the [HIV Testing Sites & Care Services Locator](#), a location-based search tool for resources. Just as new media has changed over the years, so has the Locator. The Locator can be accessed on the [web](#) and as an [app](#) for iPhones and iPads. It can also be viewed on [Facebook](#) and shared through a [widget](#).

[Read more.](#)

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Oral Health Webinar

The Cross-Federal webinar titled *Older Adults and Oral Health: Inspiring Community-Based Partnerships for Healthy Mouths*, is now posted on the [Administration on Aging's Oral Health Webpage](#) and the [Health Resources and Services Administration's Oral Health Webpage](#).



This webinar explored the oral health status of older adults in the U.S., provided useful resources and highlighted two innovative community approaches to improving oral health access for older adults.

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June Observances

For the month:

Caribbean American Heritage Month (June 8 - Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day)

Resource: [National Caribbean American Heritage Month Presidential Proclamation](#)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month

Resource: [Library of Congress](#)

[Presidential Proclamation](#)

[Statement from HHS Secretary Sebelius](#)

Men's Health Month

For the Week:

June 14-20: National Men's Health Week

Resources: [Men's Health Network](#) and [Men's Health Month](#)

For the Day:

June 14: World Blood Donor Day

June 15: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Resource: [ACL World Elder Abuse Awareness Webpage](#)

June 16: Father's Day

June 22: Anniversary of Olmstead Decision

June 27: National HIV Testing Day; PTSD Awareness Day

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Here is the weekly National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) update:





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with Other Disability
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From NASUAD

Registration is open for the 2013 HCBS Conference

Let us tell you about this year's National HCBS Conference

The nation's long-term care system is in the midst of an historic shift from institutional care to individualized home and community services for older adults and people with disabilities. You are invited to attend one of the year's most important national conferences, the National Home and Community Based Services Conference (HCBS).

This conference showcases innovative national, federal, state and local delivery and policy developments vital for assuring Americans of all ages and abilities receive the highest quality community living supports, care, and services possible. Over 1,000 national, federal, state and local leaders, advocates, and champions for children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities from across the nation are expected to attend the conference. At last year's conference we had a strong presence from U.S. Health and Human Services ranging from ACL, CMS, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and more.

Due to the overwhelming success of last year's conference, many groups have decided to host special Pre-conference Intensives at this year's conference. NASUAD is working closely with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to develop content for both the Pre-conference Intensives and HCBS conference. The Pre-conference Intensives and HCBS conference are designed to meet specific federal grant requirements.

[Registration](#) - Don't miss the early bird rates.

Reserve space at the [Hyatt Regency](#) Crystal City.

The conference offers a variety of opportunities for your organization to get exposure. Review the [Sponsorship](#)



***New Community Opportunities Center: Training on Expanding CIL Capacity Through Community-Based Service Programs**

***Observance: June 14-20 is National Men's Health Week**

***Observance: June 15, 2013 is 8th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

***Observance: June 22, 2013 is 14th Anniversary of Olmstead Decision**

***Observance: June is PTSD Awareness Month**

***Grant: National Resource Center on Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs**

***Grant: Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act**

***Grant: Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act: A National Resource Center**

***Grant: Measuring the Value of Prevention within the SMP Program**

***Grant: Grants to States to Support Health Insurance Rate Review and Increase Transparency in Health Care Pricing, Cycle III**

***Job: The National Multiple Sclerosis Society Seeks Vice President of State and Local**

[Opportunities.](#)

Aging in America: We Can Do Better

NASUAD is pleased to unveil a new set of Infographics that explore the funding and demand for, as well as the provision of, Older Americans Act (OAA) services, titled: [Aging in America: We Can Do Better.](#)

Signed into law in 1965, the OAA is considered the primary vehicle for organizing, coordinating, and delivering community based services that help older adults maintain their dignity and independence.

Through programs such as home delivered and congregate meals, transportation services, caregiver assistance, employment opportunities, and elder abuse prevention, the OAA enables millions of older adults to stay healthy and in their homes and communities, where they prefer to be, for longer than they might otherwise be able.

In addition to responding to the needs and preferences of seniors, the OAA is also cost effective. By helping older adults to age in place, OAA programs can prevent or delay the need for more costly institutional care, which translates into taxpayer savings and generates efficiencies in our nation's health care system.

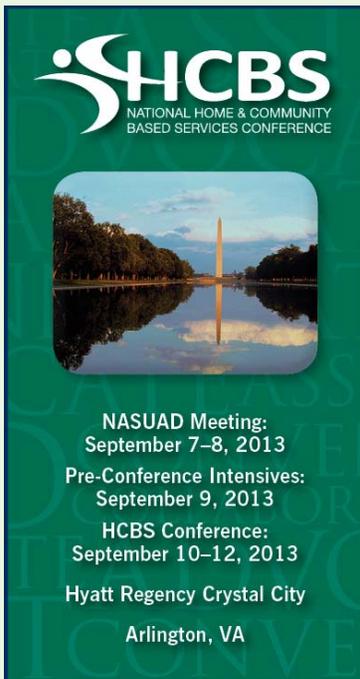
Despite these successes, funding for OAA services has not kept pace with population or inflation growth for decades, and current funding levels are inadequate to meet this increased need. With the senior population projected to grow exponentially in the coming years, so too will the demand on OAA programs. Absent a strong, immediate investment in the OAA, millions of older adults may lose the critical services they need to stay independent.

Together, we can do better to meet the needs of current and future seniors, their families, and their caregivers. Given the demographic changes and fiscal challenges at the local, state, and federal levels, now is the time to strengthen, protect, and prioritize the OAA. As Older Americans Month 2013 draws to a close, NASUAD urges you to always remember what it means to be Aging in America today, and to never forget what it could

Government Relations

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HCBS
NATIONAL HOME & COMMUNITY
BASED SERVICES CONFERENCE

NASUAD Meeting:
September 7-8, 2013
Pre-Conference Intensives:
September 9, 2013
HCBS Conference:
September 10-12, 2013
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Arlington, VA



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mean tomorrow. We Can Do Better. We Should Do Better. We Must Do Better.

View the [Individual Images](#).
Download the [Printable Brochure](#).

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Join ACL On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

In recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, ACL will co-host an event on June 14, 2013. The event will include two programs:

1. Governmental and United Nations Perspective:

- Speakers include representatives from the United Nations, the United States, Canada and other governments
- When: June 14, 2013 1:15 to 2:30 pm EDT
- Where: Conference Room 6, North Lawn Building, United Nations, 46th Street & 1st Ave. (New York, NY)
- This will be live streamed and archived at <http://webtv.un.org>.

2. NGO Perspectives and Reception

- Speakers include representatives from AARP, HelpAge International and the UN NGO Committee on Ageing
- When: June 14, 2013 3:00 to 4:30 pm EDT
- Where: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, 799 United Nations Plaza between E. 44th & E. 45th on First Ave across the street from United Nations Headquarters (New York, NY)

Space is limited and RSVPs are required. Please contact Marla Bush at 202-357-3508 or marla.bush@acl.hhs.gov.



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) and the UN's World Health Organization. On March 9, 2012, the UN General Assembly resolution 66/127 established June 15 as a UN International Day.

This event is hosted by the Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the U.S. Mission to the UN, the UN NGO Committee on Ageing and AARP.

What Are You Planning to Commemorate 8th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day?

On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, individuals and organizations from across the world are urged to raise awareness of the various types of abuse to which older individuals are subjected. This year, take a stand in the fight against elder abuse and take a stand for dignity and respect of our elders. ACL provides information, tools, and resources to support partners in their efforts to raise public awareness about elder abuse and shed light on the importance of preventing, identifying, and responding to this serious, often hidden problem.

Check out the [YEAP toolkit and WEAAD logos](#) for resources when planning your activities.

The Administration on Aging's National Center on Elder Abuse also has an interactive map showing activities throughout the U.S. [Share your event](#) and see what others are planning.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

New Report On Medicaid Buy-In Program Released

According to this week's announcement from CMS, Mathematica Policy Research recently released the final Medicaid Buy-In report, [Enrollment, Employment, and Earnings in the Medicaid Buy-In Program, 2011](#), as part of their



contract associated with the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG), which provided more than \$450 million to strengthen state infrastructures in the area of promoting and supporting employment for people with disabilities.

Medicaid Buy-In programs allow states to expand Medicaid coverage to workers with disabilities whose income would make them ineligible for traditional Medicaid.

The report provides a comprehensive review of the Medicaid Buy-In programs operating within MIG states in 2011. This should be a very helpful tool for MIG grantees and those who are now part of the Medicaid and state-level infrastructures to promote employment. The [report](#) also provides further evidence of the accomplishments and continued efforts of state's vigilant group of experts.

Department of Health and Human Services

HHS Introduces MentalHealth.gov

On June 3, 2013, National Conference on Mental Health at White House unveiled a new resource for people struggling with mental illness. [Mentalhealth.gov](#) is a new website that provides one-stop access to U.S. government mental health and mental health problems information. The website's social media channels will connect people to the latest information on the national mental health conversation. The website also includes videos featuring first-person narratives of individuals who have recovered from or managed mental health problems, or supported a friend or loved one struggling with these issues. Read [President Obama's remarks](#) at the White House National Conference on Mental Health.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

HUD Issues Guidance On Olmstead

On June 5, 2013, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued [new guidance](#) to HUD-assisted



housing providers on how they can support state and local *Olmstead* efforts to increase the integrated housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities who are transitioning from, or at serious risk of entering, institutions and other restrictive, segregated settings.

Social Security Administration

Getting A Social Security Card Or Social Security Number Printout

Whether your clients need a Social Security card or a Social Security number printout, they must show us documents to prove their:

- Identity;
- Age; and
- U.S. citizenship or lawful immigration status.

Before sending clients to a Social Security office, please direct them to www.socialsecurity.gov. There, your clients will find a list of documents they must bring to our office.

The parts of the Social Security website that offer the most relevant details include:

- Documents You Need For A Social Security Card (www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/ss5doc.htm);
- Frequently Asked Questions (www.socialsecurity.gov/faqs); and
- Get A Publication (www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

Your clients also may want to take a look at the specific online fact sheets and publications that address the requirements for getting a printout or card. Also available at www.socialsecurity.gov, they include:

- U.S. Citizen/Adult - Social Security Card And Number Printout (SSA Publication No. 05-10512);
- U.S. Citizen/Child - Social Security Card And Number Printout (SSA Publication No. 05-10514); and
- Non-U.S. Citizen/Adult - Social Security Card And



Number Printout (SSA Publication No. 05-10515).

Employers and third parties, find out [how to verify](#) Social Security numbers.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

SAMHSA Releases Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Toolkit

The Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released last week a new toolkit designed to help states' service agencies better assess and meet the behavioral health needs of their communities. The [Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Toolkit](#) provides states with detailed information on the latest behavioral health statistics as well as step-by-step instructions to generate projections related to what areas will need to be addressed in the future.

From Other Organizations

Academy Health

Academy Health Holds Annual Research Meeting

For 30 years, Academy Health's [Annual Research Meeting](#) has been a forum for health services research, where more than 2,400 attendees gather to discuss health policy implications, sharpen research methods, and network with colleagues from around the world. The Annual Research Meeting program is designed for health services researchers, providers, key decision makers, clinicians, graduate students, and research analysts.

The forum will be held **June 23-25, 2013**, in Baltimore, MD. Online [registration](#) is open through **June 14, 2013**.



American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)

AAIDD Launches New Journal, Inclusion

The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) announced the launch of its newest journal, [Inclusion](#). Inclusion is an online-only peer-reviewed journal published quarterly, with issues appearing in March, June, September, and December. For submission guidelines or to sign up to receive Table of Contents alerts, visit the [AAIDD website](#).

The Commonwealth Fund

The Commonwealth Fund Releases Issue Brief On Care Management For Medicaid Enrollees Through Community Health Teams

The effective management of patients' complex illnesses across providers, settings, and systems places extraordinary demands on primary care providers, especially those that work in resource-limited small or rural practices. This new issue brief published by the Commonwealth Fund identifies eight states that have adopted strategies to build practice capacity to care for high-need Medicaid beneficiaries through the development of community health teams. The [Issue Brief](#) also describes common features and reports early data to inform other state thinking about this model of care.

National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors



(NASADAD)

NASADAD Holds Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) is taking place **June 18-19, 2013** in Bethesda, Maryland at the Hyatt Regency following a June 17 NASADAD-National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) *Cross-Over Day for State Directors only*. Component group members, including the National Treatment Network (NTN), National Prevention Network (NPN), Women's Services Network (WSN) will meet separately to conduct business on June 17. NASADAD members will be receiving additional information regarding the Board Meetings and Business Meeting in future updates.

[More Information](#) on the Annual Meeting.

National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILC-NET) Holds a National Teleconference and Webinar

This webinar is perfect for Statewide Independent Living Council staff and council members who want to take their SILC to the next level! Participants will learn who SILCs should be working with, how to create effective partnerships, and how to create a strong IL network in your state. Our presenters will cover required partnerships, as well as strategic partnerships for particular goals and initiatives. You'll even learn which partnerships your SILC may want to avoid. Register today to gain access to the information and resources your SILC needs to get the most of strategic partnerships at the local, state, and national levels.

Title: Strategic Partnerships & Relationships with Other Disability Organizations

Date: **June 19, 2013** 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. EDT

[Register online](#) or by using the [printable registration form](#) (PDF).



New Community Opportunities Center

A National On-Location Training: Expanding CIL Capacity Through Community-Based Service Programs

The New Community Opportunities Center is offering a new three-day training opportunity for centers for independent living (CILs) to learn about how to expand their programs in Home and Community Based Services. It will also provide the latest information on the latest trends in federal programs and some of the most strategic prospects for CILs to be strong players in long-term services and supports.

The training will take place on **June 24 - 26, 2013**, in Houston, TX. Learn more about the training and [register](#).

June Observances

June 14-20 is National Men's Health Week

Visit [Men's Health Network](#) and [Men's Health Month](#) for more information.

June 15, 2013 is 8th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

[Click here](#) for more information on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

June 22, 2013 is 14th Anniversary of Olmstead Decision

[Click here](#) for more information on Olmstead Decision.



June is PTSD Awareness Month and June 27 is PTSD Awareness Day

[Click here](#) for more information on PTSD.

Funding Opportunities

National Resource Center on Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs Financed by 2013

Prevention and Public Health Funds

**Grant Title: National Resource Center on Chronic
Disease Self-Management Education Programs
financed by 2013 Prevention and Public Health Funds
(PPHF-2013)**

Agency Issuing Grant: Administration for Community
Living

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofits

Close Date: June 17, 2013

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2013-ACL-AOA-CR-0042

CDFR Number: 93.734

Grant Amount: \$2,730,000 for 1 award

Description: This opportunity will enable the Center to assist states, the aging, disability and public health networks and their partners to increase access to and sustain evidence-based prevention programs, particularly Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME) programs, that improve the health and quality of life of older adults and adults with disabilities. The Center will serve as a national clearinghouse of tools and information on CDSMEs.

[More Info](#) on this funding opportunity.

Applicants must apply through www.grants.gov.

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act: Medicare Savings Program, Low Income Subsidy & Prescription Drug Enrollment Assistance through the Aging Network, SHIP and ADRCs



Grant Title: Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act: Medicare Savings Program, Low Income Subsidy & Prescription Drug Enrollment Assistance through the Aging Network, State Health Insurance Assistance Program and Aging & Disability Resource Centers

Agency Issuing Grant: Administration for Community Living

Eligible Applicants: State governments

Close Date: June 20, 2013

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2013-ACL-AOA-MI-0056

CDFA Number: 93.071

Grant Amount: \$18,980,000 for 56 awards

Description: CMS and ACL seek plans from states that will describe how the 2013 MIPPA funds will be used to enhance those efforts through statewide and local coalition building focused on intensified outreach activities to help beneficiaries understand and apply for their Medicare benefits. CMS and ACL request that states describe specific project plans to expand, extend, or enhance the outreach efforts to beneficiaries on Medicare Part D and for those with limited incomes. States should describe how the SHIP, AAA and ADRC efforts will be coordinated to provide outreach to beneficiaries with limited incomes statewide, for general Medicare Part D outreach and assistance to beneficiaries in rural areas and for outreach activities aimed at Medicare prevention and wellness benefits as well as the improvements in the Part D program under the Affordable Care Act as mandated by Section 3306 of the Act. States are asked to review their 2010 MIPPA plans and update these plans to reflect successes achieved to date and direct their efforts to enhance and expand their MIPPA outreach activities.

[More Info](#) on this funding opportunity.

Applicants must apply through www.grants.gov.

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act: A National Resource Center

Grant Title: The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act: A National Resource Center

Agency Issuing Grant: Administration for Community Living



Eligible Applicants: Nonprofits

Close Date: June 20, 2013

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2013-ACL-AOA-MI-0056

CDA Number: 93.071

Grant Amount: \$4,745,000 for 1 award

Description: The national MIPPA resource center will coordinate efforts to inform older Americans and beneficiaries with disabilities about the benefits available under federal and state programs, with an emphasis on providing information on the Low Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Program benefits. This resource center, as it has in the past, will serve as a technical assistance resource center for the MIPPA grantees.

[More Information](#) on this funding opportunity.

Applicants must apply through www.grants.gov.

Measuring the Value of Prevention within the SMP Program

Grant Title: Measuring the Value of Prevention within the SMP Program

Agency Issuing Grant: Administration for Community Living

Eligible Applicants: Unrestricted

Close Date: July 8, 2013

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2013-ACL-AOA-SHO-0059

CDA Number: 93.048

Grant Amount: \$200,000 for 1 cooperative agreement

Description: This opportunity will describe how to best conduct research on prevention education, to determine how to best measure and quantify the effects of these efforts. This research may include, but is not limited to, identification of methodologies for measuring cost savings or avoidance associated with SMP's fraud prevention efforts. Specifically, ACL is interested in reviewing and supporting applications that will describe how the applicant will: Conduct a literature review of methods to quantify the effects of community education on prevention to identify an appropriate methodology for measuring these efforts in general and within the SMP context; Determine how to best measure and estimate the effects of community education on health care fraud prevention according to the identified methodology; and Develop and



implement, in conjunction with selected volunteer SMP project grantees, a pilot study to demonstrate the above developed measures and tools using the SMP program and the program's Medicare fraud prevention efforts.

[More Information](#) on this funding opportunity.
Applicants must apply through www.grants.gov.

Grants to States to Support Health Insurance Rate Review and Increase Transparency in Health Care Pricing, Cycle III

Grant Title: Grants to States to Support Health Insurance Rate Review and Increase Transparency in Health Care Pricing, Cycle III

Agency Issuing Grant: CMS-Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight

Eligible Applicants: State governments

Close Date: August 1, 2013 (LOI due **June 17, 2013**)

Funding Opportunity Number: PR-PRP-13-001

CDFA Number: 93.511

Grant Amount: \$87 million for 57 awards

Description: Cycle III will continue the rate review successes of Cycle I and II as well as to provide greater support to Data Centers. By increasing support to Data Centers through the Cycle III FOA, HHS hopes to increase transparency in health care pricing, thereby helping consumers and employers make better health care decisions. Cycle III grant provides resources to states to achieve or maintain their "Effective Rate Review" Program status.

[More Info](#) on this funding opportunity.
Applicants must apply through www.grants.gov

Job Opportunities

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society Seeks Vice President of State and Local Government Relations

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has an opening for Vice President of State and Local Government Relations. This



position leads the Society into a new organizational approach to activism, shaping the policy agenda and overseeing a new team charged with driving activism forward in each region. The VP, State and Local Government Relations is a leadership position requiring strong skills in strategic thinking, problem solving and relationship building.

To apply for this position or to see other employment opportunities with the National MS Society, visit the Society's [online Career Center](#).

Additional Job Opportunities

To see more job postings, please visit [NASUAD.org](#).

Friday Updates Archive

Did you miss a previous issue?
Check out [past Friday Updates](#).

Important Medicare Telephone Scam Information

Susan Johnson, Senior Medicare Patrol Project Manager

The Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program has received an increase in calls from many regions of the Commonwealth and would like to ask your help to warn Medicare beneficiaries and caregivers about recent suspicious telemarketing complaints. Please feel free to share this information with local network partners and organizations or to change or include your agency name.

Scam artists are pretending to be from Medicare and asking beneficiaries for their bank information in order to receive their new Medicare card and/or their Medicare benefits.

Medicare beneficiaries need to be aware of callers claiming to be from Medicare asking for Medicare information and banking information in order to receive their “new” Medicare card and Medicare benefits. These calls are a scam. Medicare NEVER make calls offering supplies or services, nor do they call and request Medicare numbers.

The number one rule is NOT to provide any personal information such as your Medicare number, bank account or credit card information over the phone.



If you think you have been a target of a scam, report it to the Virginia SMP program at **1-800-938-8885** or visit www.virginiasm.org.

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Scam Warning About New Medicare Cards

The Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program would like to warn Medicare beneficiaries and caregivers about recent complaints regarding suspicious telemarketing to beneficiaries in many regions of Virginia. Scam artists are pretending to be from Medicare and asking beneficiaries for their bank information in order to receive their new Medicare card and/or their Medicare benefits.

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The SMP Program is funded by the Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging has administered the SMP grant in partnership with 21 local Area Agencies on Aging for 14 years.

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