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FDIC and CFPB Collaborate to Develop a Tool for Older Adults to Prevent Financial Exploitation

WASHINGTON – On June 12, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) launched a new financial resource tool, Money Smart for Older Adults, to help older adults and their caregivers prevent elder financial exploitation across the country. The newest addition to the FDIC's Money Smart financial curriculum family, this stand-alone training module developed by both agencies provides information to raise awareness among older adults (age 62 and older) and their caregivers on how to prevent, identify and respond to elder financial exploitation, plan for a secure financial future, and make informed financial decisions. The instructor-led module offers practical information that can be implemented immediately. Money Smart for Older Adults is designed to be delivered to older adults and their caregivers by representative of financial institutions, adult protective service agencies, senior advocacy organizations, law enforcement, and others that serve this population.

Note: The web links in this document may change over time. DARS-VDA does not attempt to refresh the links once the week has passed. However, this document is maintained on the web for a period of time as a reference. Some links may require registration.



The module consists of a scripted instructor guide, participant/resource guide, and power point slides available in a downloadable format and free of charge on the FDIC website at <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/OlderAdult.html>. To download or to order hard copies of the participant/resource guide, please visit the CFPB website at <http://promotions.usa.gov/cfpbps.html>.

Organizations that use Money Smart for Older Adults to support older adults and their caregivers through technical assistance may be eligible to join the FDIC's Money Smart Alliance. More information on the Alliance is available on the FDIC website at <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/members/>.

"Each year millions of senior citizens are targeted for financial exploitation," said FDIC Chairman Martin J. Gruenberg. "Building on the success of the FDIC's Money Smart curriculum, this program will provide a new resource to help older adults avoid being victims of this type of elder abuse."

"Older Americans are vulnerable to financial exploitation," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray. "By working together with the FDIC on Money Smart for Older Adults, we will be better able to educate and empower seniors to avoid being victimized. We also will provide excellent new resources to the caretaker generation of people like myself, to be better able to protect an elderly parent against such abuses."

The FDIC's Money Smart is part of comprehensive financial education resources designed to help low- and moderate-income individuals enhance their financial skills and create positive banking relationships. Money Smart has reached more than 3 million consumers since its inception in 2001, and research suggests that the instructor-led Money Smart curriculum can positively influence how adults manage their finances in the months following the training.

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NASUAD and ACL Weekly Updates

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Here is a link to the weekly Administration for Community Living (ACL) update: [ACL Newsletter](#).

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From NASUAD

Don't Miss 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), which 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.

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)



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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.

Where

The Hyatt Regency Crystal City
2799 Jefferson Davies Hwy.
Arlington, VA 22202
[Click here](#) to make a hotel reservation.

When

NASUAD Meeting: **September 7th - September 8th**
Pre-Conference workshops will: **September 9th**
HCBS Conference: **September 10th - September 12th**

[Click here](#) for a draft agenda of the pre-conference intensives and HCBS conference.

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

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I&R Support Center

New Report on Challenges and Opportunities within the Information and Referral/Assistance Networks

The [National Aging and Disability Information and Referral/Assistance Support Center](#), administered by NASUAD with funding provided by the Administration on Aging, within the Administration for Community Living recently released the report, [Aging and Disability Information and Referral/Assistance Networks: Challenges and Opportunities](#).

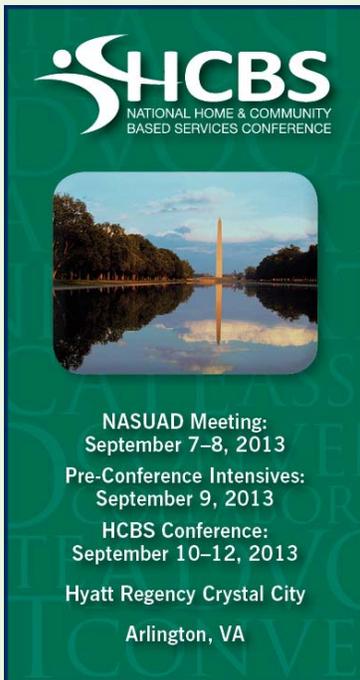
This report documents the findings of a 2012 nationwide, survey of 294 I&R/A workers from state agencies on aging and disability; Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs); Aging and Disability

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 Arlington, VA



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Resource Centers (ADRCs); Centers for Independent Living (CILs); 2-1-1s; and other non-profit human service organizations. Several themes emerged from the survey data: **Theme 1:** Aging and disability networks continue to integrate; **Theme 2:** The use of technology in I&R/A service delivery has been slow to develop; **Theme 3:** The role of I&R/A organizations is expanding; and **Theme 4:** There are opportunities for improved coordination and quality service within I&R/A service delivery.

The report stressed that in a time of ongoing fiscal restraint, integrating and expanding service systems, and evolving technologies, the Aging and Disability I&R/A Network must continue to cultivate partnerships and opportunities that support the organizations' ability to provide person-centered access to I&R/A services. The report also represents a baseline for similar surveys in the future, and an opportunity for the Support Center to engage in increased partnership development with the disability community, 2-1-1s and other providers of I&R/A to older adults and people with disabilities.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

HHS Publishes Regulations Implementing the OAA's Ombudsman Programs

Over the past year, HHS has been moving towards the promulgation of rules implementing Title VII, Chapter 2 of the Older Americans Act (OAA), the Ombudsman Programs. Since 1992, the functions of these programs have been statutorily



delineated in 42 U.S.C. 3058g, but regulations were never formalized. In the absence of official regulatory guidance, there has been significant variation from state to state in the interpretation and implementation of these provisions, as well as challenges in determining state compliance with the program.

On June 14, 2013, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that puts forward changes designed to strengthen and clarify how Long-Term Care Ombudsmen (LTCO) in all fifty states, Guam, and Puerto Rico implement their programs.

Proposed rule topics include:

- Responsibilities of the State Ombudsman, State Agency on Aging, and Representatives of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman related to the program operations
- Consistent approaches to resolving complaints on behalf of residents
- Appropriate role of ombudsmen in resolving abuse complaints
- Conflicts of Interest-processes for identifying and remedying conflicts so that residents have access to effective, credible ombudsman services

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

[Click here](#) to submit a public comment.

[Click here](#) to view the HHS Press Release announcing the NPRM publication.

ASA Greenlee Represents US Government at UN World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Observance

On June 14, 2013, Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary, Administration on Aging (AoA) within the Administration for Community Living (ACL), joined dignitaries of the United Nations (UN) and officials of other countries at UN Headquarters to observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). In her remarks, Greenlee stressed the responsibility we each have to prevent elder abuse, noting that its occurrence is increasing here in the United States and across the globe. Greenlee shared stories as reminders that elder abuse is



universal and it is not restricted by socioeconomic barriers or geography. She also detailed the high cost of elder abuse-in human life, the quality of life and health and its tremendous financial price tag.

The UN event was just one of several ways ACL and the aging network commemorated World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Across the continental US and in Alaska and Hawaii, local communities held more than 165 WEAAD events, including vigils and moments of silence for elder abuse victims, conferences, training sessions, promotions in newspapers and websites, and many others. For more information on the various WEAAD events, visit the ACL/AoA-funded National Center on Elder Abuse [webpage on WEAAD events](#).

2013 Webinar Series on Alzheimer's Disease and Resources

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) are collaborating to host a five-part webinar series with the goals of 1) improving coordination of federal resources available to assist people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and their family caregivers and 2) encouraging awareness of research participation opportunities.

NIA & ACL invite you to take advantage of these opportunities. You can register for [register for all the webinars](#) or just the one or two that most interest you. Registration will open approximately two months in advance of each webinar.

The next webinar, People with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Dementia, will take place on **June 25, 2013, 1:30-3pm ET**.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



Medicaid Administrative Funding Availability for Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Expenditures

On Thursday, June 18, 2013, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an [Informational Bulletin](#) which reviews existing policy regarding when Medicaid funding is available for certain administrative costs related to activities conducted by state Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) programs that benefit the state's Medicaid program. The bulletin summarizes the basic requirements for Medicaid administrative claiming of LTCO program activities and provides a link on the CMS [Medicaid.gov](#) website where states and LTCO programs can find more detailed information regarding specific LTCO program activities that may be eligible for Medicaid administrative funding. Additional guidance about Medicaid administrative claiming for activities performed by state LTCO programs can be found [here](#).

Department of Health and Human Services

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

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: **June 27, 2013, 9:00 a.m. CST**

Three ways to participate:

[Register to participate in person](#)

[Register to participate via webcast](#)

[Register to participate at an echo site](#)

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2013 Update

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently released the [National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2013 Update](#), a follow-up to the initial plan released in May 2012. The update reflects national progress towards accomplishing the goals set a year ago, as well as new and revised action steps.

The plan, ordered under the [2011 National Alzheimer's Project Act](#), includes the following goals: prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025; enhance care quality and efficiency; expand supports for people with Alzheimer's disease and their families; enhance public awareness and engagement; and track progress and drive improvement. The plan is guided by three principles: Optimize existing resources and improve and coordinate ongoing activities; Support public-private partnerships; and transform the way we approach Alzheimer's disease. The plan was developed collaboratively by experts in aging and Alzheimer's disease from federal, state, private and non-profit organizations.

Click [here](#) to view the U.S. HHS press release on the National Plan.



Department of Housing and Urban Development

HUD Issues Guidance on Community-Based Housing for People with Disabilities

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently issued new guidance to "encourage participation in state efforts" to assist individuals with disabilities who are "moving out of institutions and into (community-based) housing." The guidance, titled [Statement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the Role of Housing in Accomplishing the Goals of Olmstead](#), is part of HUD's efforts to ensure compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Olmstead v. L.C.*, in 1999, which held that unjustified segregation of individuals with disabilities violated Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

New Tool for Older Adults to Prevent Financial Exploitation

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respond to elder financial exploitation, plan for a secure financial future, and make informed financial decisions. The instructor-led module offers practical information that can be implemented immediately.

[Click here](#) for the Curriculum module.

[Click here](#) to order free hard copies of the guide.

From Congress

Senate Hearing on the Older Americans Act

On Wednesday, June 19, the Senate HELP Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging held a hearing on how Older Americans Act (OAA) nutrition programs reduce hunger and poverty among seniors, and save money on more expensive nursing home and hospital care.

In convening the hearing, titled "Reducing Senior Poverty and Hunger: The Role of the Older Americans Act," Subcommittee Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) noted "These programs not only work to ease isolation, hunger and suffering, they also save taxpayers substantial sums of money. The simple truth is that we can feed a senior for an entire year for the cost of one day in a hospital." Sen. Sanders is the chief sponsor of legislation in the 113th Congress to reauthorize and strengthen the OAA, The Older Americans Act Amendments of 2013 (S. 1028).

Subcommittee Ranking Member Burr (R-NC), as well as Sens. Franken (D-Minn.), Baldwin (D-Wisc.), Murphy (D-Conn.), and Warren (D-Mass.) also participated in the hearing. Panelists included Nancy Altman, Co-director of Social Security Works; Ellie Hollander, President and CEO of the Meals on Wheels Association of America; Howard Bedlin, Vice President of Public Policy and Advocacy at the National Council on Aging; and Paul Downey, President and CEO of Senior Community Centers and President of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs.



In conjunction with the hearing, Sen. Sanders wrote an op-ed for Politico, which is [available here](#).

To download the panelists testimony and watch an archived video of the hearing, please visit the Senate HELP Committee's website [here](#).

To read a fact sheet on S.1028, please click [here](#). The bill is available [here](#).

Senate Aging Committee Holds Hearing to Analyze Fraud Potential as Social Security Payments Go Paperless

In an effort to save an estimated ten billion dollars over the next ten years, the U.S. Treasury promulgated rules that Social Security recipients would begin receiving payments electronically by March 1, 2013. This transition has created confusion among Social Security recipients in a number of ways, including, who may be exempt from this transition and how they may obtain a waiver to declare this exemption. Waivers are available for those over the age of 90 and those who live in remote locations. However, there may be additional people who would benefit from this waiver, as a new, and possibly confusing, electronic system may make them vulnerable to fraud.

These issues were examined on June 19, 2013, when the Senate Special Committee on Aging convened a hearing titled "Social Security Payments Go Paperless: Protecting Seniors from Fraud and Confusion". Witnesses included Alexandra Lane, a victim of Social Security fraud; Rebecca Vallas, Staff Attorney and Policy Advocate with the Community Legal Services of Philadelphia; Theresa L. Gruber, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Operations with the Social Security Administration; Richard Gregg, Fiscal Assistant Secretary with the U.S. Department of Treasury;

and the Honorable Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General with the Social Security Administration. The witnesses fielded concerns about the direct deposit cards that are being used and transitioning older adults into the new system without the



proper support to avoid fraud.

Witnesses from the Social Security Administration maintained that the transition to electronic payments will create less opportunity for fraud and identity theft, but are continuing to analyze the accessibility of waivers and the adequacy of supports to prevent and stop fraud.

To view a recording of the hearing, please follow [this link](#).

From Other Organizations

AARP Public Policy Institute

New Report on Family Caregiving and Workplace Leave Policies

The AARP Public Policy Institute released a new report on issues of family caregiving and the workplace. The report, [Keeping Up with the Times: Supporting Family Caregivers with Workplace Leave Policies](#), highlights three public policy solutions to extend protections for working caregivers and reduce worker turnover: unpaid family and medical leave, paid family and medical leave insurance, and earned sick time. As our population ages, the need for more supportive workplace leave policies becomes even more important. See Lynn Feinberg's [blog post](#) on this growing issue.

The Aging Network's Volunteer



Collaborative

Free Volunteer Training at n4a's Conference

The Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative and its [PowerUP! Initiative](#) are offering a free training for the Aging Network focused on teaching organization's and their volunteers how they can build self-directed teams of volunteers. Aging Network organizations are invited to bring one staff person and one volunteer to the PowerUP! Training at n4a's conference for free, even the cost of travel will be reimbursed! This in-person workshop will be held **Sunday, July 28, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Louisville, KY.**

[Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

[Click here](#) to join an online chat discussing the PowerUp! Initiative.

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA)

Annual State of the States in Head Injury Meeting

NASHIA will hold their 24th Annual State of the States in Head Injury Conference in Detroit, MI, **October 7-10, 2013**. The conference will convene program administrators, service providers, clinicians, researchers, and advocates working in the brain injury field.

Click [here](#) to register online.



June Observances

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

State Protection and Advocacy Traumatic Brain Injury Program

Grant Title: State Protection and Advocacy Traumatic Brain Injury Program (PATBI)

Agency Issuing Grant: Health Resources and Services Administration

Eligible Applicants: State and Territory-designated Protection and Advocacy Systems and the American Indian Consortium

Close Date: July 29, 2013

Funding Opportunity Number: HRSA-14-004

CDA Number: 93.267

Grant Amount: \$3,000,000 for 57 awards

Description: The purpose of PATBI is to provide services to support the rights of people with TBI through the provision of information, referrals, and advice; individual and family advocacy; legal representation; and specific assistance in self-advocacy.

Click [here](#) for more info on this funding opportunity.

Applicants must apply for this grant through www.grants.gov.



NIDRR to Fund Research on Aging and Disability

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) recently announced an award application for a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Promoting Healthy Aging for Individuals with Long-Term Physical Disabilities. The estimated available award is \$875,000. The application deadline is August 6, 2013.

[Click here](#)

for the full announcement.

Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Awards

The [Family Caregiver Alliance](#) is accepting nominations for the Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Awards, an annual program that recognizes organizations focused on helping family/informal caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

[Click here](#) for the complete RFP.

The alliance will award grants of \$20,000 to organizations in the areas of Creative Expression, Diverse/Multicultural Communities, and Policy and Advocacy. The application deadline is August 6, 2013.

2014 RSVP Competition

Grant Title: 2014 RSVP Competition

Agency Issuing Grant: Corporation for National and Community Service

Eligible Applicants: State governments, Nonprofits and Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Close Date: Notice of Intent to Apply due August 9, 2013.



Application due: September 10, 2013.

Funding Opportunity Number: CNCS-06-10-13-01

CDA Number: 94.002

Grant Amount: \$14,500,000 total funding

Description: CNCS seeks to increase the impact of national service in 270 specific communities across the country. These RSVP grants will support volunteers 55 years and older serving in a diverse range of activities that meet specific community needs and respond to National Performance Measures.

Click [here](#) for more info on this funding opportunity.

Applicants must apply for this grant through www.grants.gov.

Rapid Secondary Analysis to Optimize Care for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions

Grant Title: Rapid Secondary Analysis to Optimize Care for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions

Agency Issuing Grant: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Eligible Applicants: State governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) and Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Close Date: August 28, 2013

Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-HS-14-001

CDA Number: 93.226

Grant Amount: \$1,600,000 for 4 grants

Description: This opportunity seeks to fund research studies that can be conducted rapidly and will provide evidence to optimize processes, care, treatments and health of MCC patients. The goal is to provide scientific evidence and information for use by patients and the clinical community to best manage care of MCC patients.

Click [here](#) for more info on this funding opportunity.

Applicants must apply for this grant through www.grants.gov.



Job Opportunities

AUCD Seeks Next Executive Director

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) seeks an executive director to lead and guide activities that fulfill its mission to advance policies and practices that improve the health, education, social, and economic well-being of people with developmental and other disabilities, their families, and their communities.

Applications are currently being accepted through June 30, 2013.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Additional Job Opportunities

To see more job postings, please visit NASUAD.org.

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