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ACL and NASUAD Newsletter Weekly Updates

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Support

Here is a link to the weekly Administration for Community Living (ACL) update:

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/eNewsletter/CurrentNewsLetter.pdf>

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

http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday_updates/friday_updates.html

New Law Makes Financial Abuse a Criminal Offense

Kathy Miller, Director of Programs

A new statute which took effect on July 1 creates the new crime of financial exploitation of incapacitated persons. The legislation provides that "it is unlawful for any person who knows or should know that another person suffers from mental incapacity to, through the use of that other person's mental incapacity, take, obtain, or convert money or other thing of value

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belonging to that other person with the intent to permanently deprive him thereof. A violation is punishable as larceny."

Nominations for the National Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services

Charlotte Arbogast, Dementia Services Coordinator

HHS is soliciting nominations for six non-Federal members of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services. The six positions are for each of the following categories, as specified in the National Alzheimer's Project Act: Alzheimer's patient advocate, Alzheimer's caregiver, health care provider, representative of state health department, researcher with Alzheimer's-related expertise, and voluntary health association representative. Nominations should include the nominee's contact information (current mailing address, email address, and telephone number) and current curriculum vitae or resume.

The full request for nominations is available at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-01/pdf/2013-18482.pdf>

DATES: Submit nominations by email or FedEx or UPS before COB on August 16, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Helen Lamont at helen.lamont@hhs.gov; Helen Lamont, Ph.D., Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 424E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Caregiver News

Ellen M. Nau, Program Coordinator

Intel-GE Care Innovations™ is excited to extend an invitation-only membership to become part of the free Connect Caregiver beta program. Connect Caregiver is a web-based suite that keeps caregivers organized and connected through tools such as a calendar, medication organizer, access to local services and a care diary.



The first 250 participants to sign up and fill out a survey will receive a \$20 gift card to Amazon. A free 1-year membership will also be included once the market beta is complete (a \$99 value). To learn more about this program, [click here](#) . Note: This is not a free program unless you are one of the first 250 participants.

CDC's Disability and Health Data System

New updates have been completed for the [Disability and Health Data System](#) (DHDS), a CDC data tool that provides disability-specific information on a variety of health indicators! New DHDS features recently released include 2011 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data, new single year indicators stratified by demographics groups, new p-values for each disparity estimate, improved indicator names. For more information about how to use the system, please read or download [DHDS fact sheets](#). If you have questions about how to use the system, please email us at dhds@cdc.gov. For more information on CDC's Disability and Health work, [click here](#).

RespectAbilityUSA

A new national non-profit organization called [RespectAbility](#) has just launched, with the mission of reshaping attitudes of American society and empowering people with disabilities so that they can more fully participate in and contribute to society. According to their website, "RespectAbility will work to educate, sensitize and engage Americans to focus on what people with disabilities can do, rather than on what they cannot do. RespectAbility thereby will seek to help increase the number and percentage of Americans with disabilities who engage in gainful employment, start and sustain their own businesses, lift themselves into the middle class, and participate in their communities -- as fully as their abilities and efforts will take them." The organization has already announced trainings for disability leaders and funders and fellowships for future disability leaders. More information is available at their website, <http://respectabilityusa.org/>.