



## VDA WEEKLY E-MAILING

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<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/NewsInfo/Index.aspx>

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Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

<http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday-update>

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UPDATES

**August 11, 2015**

**Webinar: Dementia Friendly  
Communities**

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 3:00-4:00  
p.m. ET**

Join the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center for a webinar on creating communities that are safe and respectful, provide support, and work toward quality of life for people living with dementia and their families.

Webinar participants will learn about key concepts related to Dementia Friendly Communities and hear from community leaders putting these concepts into action.

[Learn more and register for this webinar.](#)



UPDATES

**August 17, 2015**

**NLRC Presents: The Fine Art of  
Balancing Protection with Self-**



### Determination Webinar

**Tuesday, September 22, 2015, 2:00 PM  
EDT**

All adults, regardless of ability, have a basic right to make choices about how they want to live their lives. Empowering older adults and people with disabilities to actively participate in personal decision making improves life outcomes and can reduce the risk of abuse and exploitation. At the same time, people who need assistance with decision making often are at greater risk of abuse, and protection and advocacy services are critical to both prevention and response efforts.

Striking the right balance between empowerment and protection can be a challenge. But it is possible.

In this webinar, presenters David Godfrey of the American Bar Association and Jonathan Martinis of Quality Trust for People with Disabilities, will address the signs of abuse, neglect (including self-neglect), and exploitation. They will cover tools to enhance communication with people with differing abilities and best practices for promoting self-determination and choice in a way that mitigates risk while preserving the human right to direct one's own life. The session also will explore the application of the Supported Decision Making model to assist people in making choices.

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar, which is sponsored by the National Legal Resource Center.



## UPDATES

**August 18, 2015**

### **ONC Seeking Applications for Health IT Advisory Committees**

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) is seeking applications for the Health IT Policy Committee (HITPC) and the Health IT Standards Committee (HITSC).

Applications can be submitted using [ONC's application database](#) **through Friday, September 11.**

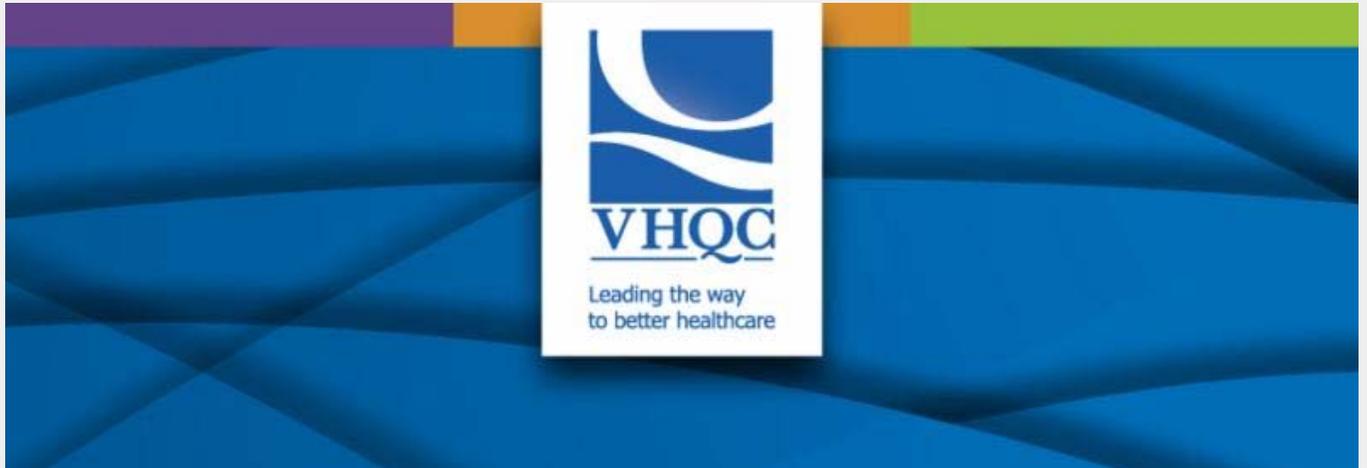
The [Health IT Policy Committee](#) is seeking applications for a Consumer/Patient Representative. The HITPC makes recommendations on a policy framework for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information infrastructure, including standards for the exchange of patient medical information.

The [Health IT Standards Committee](#) is seeking applications for a variety of positions including Long-term Care Representative and Ancillary Healthcare Worker Representative. The HITSC makes recommendations on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information.



## VHQC – Together for Quality August 2015

*Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations, on behalf of VHQC*



## Together for Quality

**August 2015**

### **Maryland Physician Challenges Practices to Improve Hypertension Control**

One of three American adults, nearly 70 million, are affected by hypertension, placing those patients at risk for heart attack, stroke and heart failure. Holly Dahlman, MD, FACP, a physician with GreenSpringMed in Lutherville, MD, is tackling this challenge head-on and demonstrating that, with the support of healthcare providers, patients can



successfully manage their blood pressure.

In April, Dahlman launched the GreenSpringMed Hypertension Control Challenge and asked other practices to join the effort to improve blood pressure control. Participants are positioning their practices for national recognition as a Million Hearts Hypertension Control Champion this fall by achieving a blood pressure control rate of 70%.

"We have set a clear, attainable target for this challenge. Together, we can begin to bend the morbidity and mortality curve by improving hypertension control," Dahlman said.

### Three Steps to Improve Hypertension Control

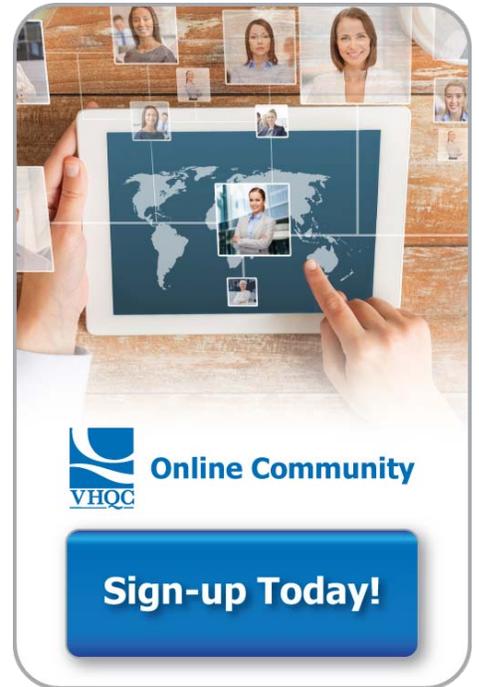
Over the last four years, GreenSpringMed has significantly improved its hypertension control rate from 47.7% in 2011 to nearly 80% for 2013 and 2014 reporting periods. How did they achieve this rate of improvement?

According to Dahlman, GreenSpringMed's successful approach relies on... [Read more](#)

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### Charlottesville Area Organizations Join to Improve Care Transitions

The Central Virginia Transitions Collaborative (CVTC) was the first Virginia community coalition to join the new VHQC Care Transitions Project. As the



### Upcoming Events

**August 14 - 3:00pm**

*Creating Patient-Centered  
Team-Based Care*

Presented by AHRQ

[Learn more & register](#)



Quality Innovation Network - Quality Improvement Organization (QIN) for Maryland and Virginia, VHQC is working with communities across both states to improve care coordination and ensure that patients avoid unnecessary hospital stays.

CVTC is spearheaded by three leading organizations - the Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA), Martha Jefferson Hospital and the University of Virginia (UVA) Health System. The community coalition got its start thanks to the alignment of several factors including concern over readmission penalties for hospitals, support from VHQC and the availability of a care transitions coaching program through JABA.

Amelia S. Black, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Nurse Executive at Martha Jefferson, was also motivated by a personal passion to improve care transitions for patients. While completing her doctorate, she became very interested in this topic and the evidence-based strategies that lead to improved care coordination.

"Research shows us that healthcare providers... [Read more](#)

#### **August 19 - 12:00pm**

Nursing Home Network  
*Dementia Care Teams*

[Learn more & register](#)

#### **August 26 - 12:00pm**

*Preparing for Flu Season  
(Maryland Only)*

[Learn more & register](#)

#### **August 27 - 2:30pm**

MLN Connects National  
Provider Call: Countdown  
to ICD-10

[Learn more & register](#)

#### **September 24 - 12:00pm**

*Patient Portals: Engaging  
People for Improved Health*  
Registration available soon

### **Sepsis Survivor Advocates for Improved Patient Education**

It was late January 2013, and 53-year-old Tom Childrey had been fighting flu-like symptoms, combined with pain in his right hip, for several weeks. Childrey, an avid fitness



enthusiast, who lives in Virginia, rarely fell ill. He had spent six weeks slowly returning to his fitness routine after an anterior hip replacement performed on December 11, 2012. The procedure, among the most common orthopaedic surgeries performed today, was to replace his right hip, which suffered some wear and tear, combined with arthritis, from years of physical activity and fitness.

The procedure, performed by a highly regarded orthopaedic surgeon, and the post-op recovery had gone very well. Childrey was standing and walking within hours after the surgery, and he was able to go home the next day. With the exception of some swelling around his incision about a month afterwards, his recovery went smoothly in the weeks following his hospital stay.

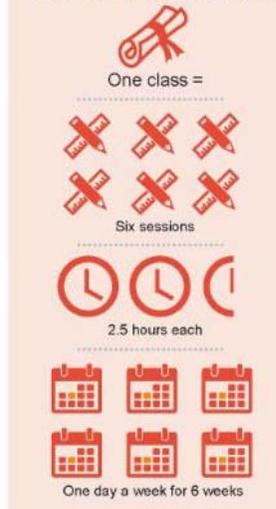
Worried about his right hip, Childrey on January 25 placed a call to his surgeon's practice; he scheduled an appointment there for February 10. He had called them about two weeks prior, when he had noticed some swelling on his incision. Over the phone, a nurse explained that swelling was normal, and if he squeezed the scar, it would emit the fluid to eradicate the swelling. Trusting the nurse's orders, Childrey had done as he was told, and the swelling went away.

[Read more](#)





### Class Breakdown



### Curriculum

Subjects covered include:

- Techniques to deal with the symptoms of chronic disease, fatigue, pain, depression and stress
- Appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength and endurance
- Healthy eating
- Appropriate use of medication
- Making action plans
- Working effectively with health care providers
- Problem Solving

## Partner with VHQC to Support Diabetic Patients in Your Community

Adventist HealthCare, based in Gaithersburg, MD, is the first organization to partner with VHQC to present diabetes self-management program (DSMP) lay leader training. As part of this program, 20 Adventist staff members are participating in a four-day training. Upon completion of the program, lay leaders will be prepared to lead DSMP workshops for patients with diabetes. Lay leader participants include community health workers, dietitians, nurses and other professionals.

"We are excited about the opportunity to partner with Adventist HealthCare to present this training. By increasing the number of lay leaders in the community, we can expand the availability of DSMP workshops and ensure that patients have access to a program that improves health outcomes," said Sheila McLean, MBA, CPHQ, LNHA, Maryland Program Director, VHQC.

Kim Ladd and Camille Coy, DSMP Master Trainers and Improvement Consultants at VHQC, are leading the lay leader training. Developed by Stanford, DSMP is an evidence-based program that helps patients better understand their condition, improve decision-making skills and communicate more effectively with healthcare providers.

Recently, VHQC presented two, six-week DSMP workshops in Maryland for patients with diabetes and other chronic conditions. The workshops were offered at three Victory Housing Locations in Montgomery County, MD.

Are you interested in improving health in your community? As the Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization for Maryland and Virginia, VHQC offers free lay leader training to community organizations. To learn more, visit [www.vhqc.org](http://www.vhqc.org) or email [ccoyle@vhqc.org](mailto:ccoyle@vhqc.org) or [kladd@vhqc.org](mailto:kladd@vhqc.org).



[Learn more](#)

## Section Q Referral Responsibilities for Nursing Facilities

*Katie Roeper, Assistant Commissioner Division for the Aging*

### Reminder

Virginia Medicaid enrolled nursing facility providers are required to follow the existing MDS 3.0 Section Q referral process for all nursing facility residents who are interested in the opportunity to consider transitioning to a home or community based setting. The Section Q questions are to be answered by the nursing facility resident, and if the resident requests the possibility of a transfer, then this option should be explored. When the resources and assistance of the local contact agency/LCA (also known as the Area Agency on Aging) is needed, a Section Q referral should occur using the tracking form (DMAS-P261) for referrals to the LCA. The LCA staff will work with the resident, facility staff, and other involved parties in exploring discharge options.

The Section Q referral process and the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program information is located at this link: [http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content\\_pgs/ltc-mfp.aspx](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/ltc-mfp.aspx). If the resident is enrolled in the Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) program, the nursing facility should assist the resident by contacting the Medicare Medicaid Plan (MMP) Case Manager for assistance with transition plans. The Commonwealth Coordinated Care program information is located at this link: [http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content\\_pgs/altc-enrl.aspx](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/altc-enrl.aspx).

## Virginia Elder Rights Coalition (Flier)

*Cecily Slasor, on behalf of Kathy Pryor, VA Poverty Law Center*



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**Thursday, September 10th**  
**SUPPORTED DECISION-  
MAKING:**  
**Protecting Rights, Ensuring Choices**

Come hear Jonathan Martinis discuss Supported Decision-Making, an important alternative to guardianship, where people make their own decisions while receiving the help they need from trusted persons to do so.

*Virginia Elder Rights  
Coalition presents*

*Jonathan Martinis*

*Legal Director of Quality  
Trust for Individuals with  
Disabilities and Project  
Director of the National  
Resource Center for  
Supported Decision-making*

*Park View Apts., 210 S.  
Pantops Dr.  
Charlottesville*

*10:30 a.m. to 12:30 on  
Thursday, September  
10th*





## NASUAD Friday Updates

*Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant*

# FRIDAY UPDATES

## NASUAD

August 14, 2015

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From NASUAD

**2015 HCBS Conference-Less Than 3 Weeks  
Away- Register Today!**

Join us for the [National Home and  
Community Based Services \(HCBS\)  
Conference](#) held in Washington, DC, **August  
31-September 3**. Our Plenary session on  
Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Across  
Generations will feature a keynote speech by  
expert Dr. Ronald Petersen.

Dr. Petersen is a Professor of Neurology, the  
Cora Kanow Professor in Alzheimer's Disease  
Research, and a Mayo Clinic Distinguished  
Investigator. He is on the Board of Directors  
of the National Alzheimer's Association, is  
the Chair of the Advisory Council on  
Research, Care, and Services for the National  
Alzheimer's Project Act, and is on the World  
Dementia Council.



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Following Dr. Petersen's speech, we will be joined by Family Advocates, Mary Hogan and Karlene Ellsworth, to engage in a conversation about the challenges of being a caregiver for a loved one with early onset Alzheimer's disease.

On Wednesday evening at 8pm we will be screening the documentary "I'll Be Me" which follow's Glen Campbell's final tour and his public goodbye after his diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.

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

**Future Planning Webinar Recap**

The National I&R Support Center hosted a webinar on Future Planning, which aims to provide support and resources to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD); their families, including parents or caregivers who are aging; and professionals who support them. The webinar was presented by The Arc experts, Robin Shaffert, Senior Executive Officer of Individual and Family Support and Jenny Sladen, Program Manager of National Initiatives. This presentation informed viewers about Future Planning and the resources available to inform people with disabilities and their families of the steps they should be taking to begin planning for their futures.

[Click here](#) to view the presentation and



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### 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](http://www.nasuad.org/hcbs) for more information.*

### The United States of Aging Survey

The National Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), the National Council on Aging (NCOA), and UnitedHealthcare released a survey that collected data through telephone interviews from 1,650 older adults and influencers on aging. Influencers on aging are professionals that work with aging populations. The survey posed opinion based questions about the process of aging and the factors that are associated with it. The results reflect that 86 percent of respondents felt prepared for aging; however, 40 percent were most concerned about maintaining physical health and over 30 percent worried about mental health and memory.

[Click here](#) to access the report and findings.

### Community Living & Participation for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

To mark the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, The



Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) and the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) released a memo and report on the status of community living over the past 50 years. The report includes an examination of the federal and state policies over this period of time, an explanation of what high-quality community living should look like, and the progression of research in this field over time. The report uses these findings to offer recommendations for improvement of services, access, and opportunity for the next 25 years.

[Click here](#) to access the report and findings.

From the Administration

[Administration for Community Living](#)

### **Disability Resources Available**

Disability.gov offers reliable disability information and resources all in one convenient place. The website includes a series of 15 guides about topics ranging from disability benefits to housing assistance to job training programs. Some guides outline services that promote independence for individuals with disabilities as well. The website also offers information about local organizations and programs that promote inclusion and full community participation.



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

### [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)

#### **Office of Minority Health Conference**

The CMS Office of Minority Health is hosting a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Medicare & Medicaid and the 30th anniversary of the 1985 Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health, commonly known as the Heckler Report. This is a full day conference featuring speakers and expert panelists presenting on the status of underserved populations since the first Heckler Report was written. The event will feature keynote speakers, Andy Slavitt, MBA, CMS Acting Administrator; and Dr. Michael McGinnis, MD, of the Senior Scholar Institute of Medicine. The event will take place on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view conference details.

### [Department of Justice](#)

#### **Technical Assistance for the Applicability of the ADA for Child Welfare Systems**

On Monday, August 10, 2015, the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Civil Rights and Administration for Children and Families released joint technical assistance for



the applicability of the American's with Disabilities Act Title II and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. This technical assistance was issued to the administration of child welfare programs, activities, and services. The letter provides welfare agencies and family courts with the information to understand their legal obligations under Federal law, to ensure parents and prospective parents with disabilities receive equal treatment and access to parenting opportunities, and to eliminate discriminatory barriers.

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

### Government Accountability Office

#### **GAO Report on Medicaid Prescription-Drug Fraud**

On August 10th, the Government Accountability Office released a report titled "Additional Reporting May Help CMS Oversee Prescription-Drug Fraud Controls."

The report examines Arizona, Florida, Michigan, and New Jersey's Medicaid payments for prescription drugs in 2011- including total expenditures, the number of beneficiaries receiving drugs, and the behaviors of both prescribers and beneficiaries. The GAO found that, of the 5.4 million beneficiaries, more than 16,000 potentially engaged in "doctor shopping;" the process of "visiting five or more doctors to receive prescriptions for antipsychotics or



respiratory medication," and approximately 700 of them received more than a 1 year supply of a drug; an indicator of "redirection of prescription drugs for illegitimate purposes." These two phenomena come at a cost of \$33 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. The GAO identified two potential measures that could be taken to reduce the prevalence of these issues: Lock-in programs for noncontrolled substances, which restrict beneficiaries who have abused Medicaid before to one provider and prohibition of automatic refills, which would keep pharmacies from refilling prescriptions without any action from the consumer.

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

From the States

[California Health and Human Services Agency](#)

### **[Call to U.S. Representatives to Reauthorize Older Americans Act](#)**

The State of California Health and Human Services Agency sent letters to all 53 California House of Representative members of Congress this week. These letters urge the Representatives to reauthorize the Older Americans Act (OAA), following its passage in the Senate last month. The Older Americans Act is an essential piece of legislation that provides many crucial services for American elders.



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

From Other Organizations

**Health & Medicine Policy Research Group**

**Webinar: Bridge Model Collaborative**

The Bridge Model is a person-centered, social work-led, interdisciplinary model of transitional care that emphasizes collaboration among hospitals and community based service providers in order to ensure a seamless continuum of health and community care across settings. The Bridge Model National Office is hosting an upcoming webinar, "Doing Your Homework on Hospitals." The webinar is open to the public and will take place on **Tuesday, September 22, 2015, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET.**

Sharon Post, Director of the Center for Long Term Care Reform at Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, will lead a discussion about various approaches to learning about hospitals' performance, financials, and participation in Medicare demonstration projects. This information can help equip community based organizations with important background information for making an effective value proposition when developing partnerships with hospitals.

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



### Justice in Aging

#### **Webinar: Dementia Training Requirements for Health Care Professionals**

Justice in Aging is hosting a webinar on Dementia Training Requirements for Health Care Professionals, with specific reference to the report on the 50 state survey, commissioned by the Alzheimer's Association, on statutes and regulations. Participants will learn about the major findings of the study, what states are and are not doing to train providers, promising practices in each state, and more. The webinar will be presented by Georgia Burke, the Directing Attorney at Justice in Aging and Randi Chapman, the Director of State Affairs at the Alzheimer's Association. The webinar will take place on **Monday, August 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

### National Network of the Libraries of Medicine

#### **Webinar: Outreach to Caregivers**

The National Network of the Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) is hosting a free webinar on the subject of outreach to caregivers. The webinar will be presented by Karen Marshall of the Kadamba Tree Foundation. It will include a discussion about her organization's NN/LM SE/A funded project to expand an adaptation of the Rosalynn Carter Institute



for Caregiving's "Caring for You, Caring for Me" Education and Support Program for Family and Professional Caregivers (CYCM). The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. ET.**

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

[Ohio Department of Aging & Ohio Department of Higher Education](#)

#### **Initiative Allows Elder Volunteers To Earn Free College Tuition**

The Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Ohio Department of Aging joined forces to launch, GIVE Back. GO Forward, a program that allows area residents age 60 and older to earn free college tuition by volunteering in their community. This program provides elders with a three-credit-hour tuition waiver for one of two participating colleges in exchange for at least 100 hours of volunteer time at three local organizations in Youngstown, Ohio. The pilot of this program is beginning this year in Youngstown, Ohio. This unique program intends to provide students of any age with an opportunity to "jump start" their education.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the program.

[Research Triangle Institute International](#)



### **Webinar: Dementia Friendly Communities**

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center at the Research Triangle Institute International (RTI International) is hosting a Technical Assistance webinar on Dementia Friendly Communities.

Participants will learn about concepts related to Dementia Friendly Communities and examples of implementing these concepts into the community. Emily Farah-Miller, the Project Director and Communities Liaison for ACT on Alzheimer's, and Annette Sandler, the Director of Aging and Disability Services at Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis will present at this webinar. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, September 1, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

### **The Arc**

#### **New National Policy Matters Edition: Social Security**

This August marks the 80th anniversary of Social Security. It is also the 59th anniversary of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), which was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 1, 1956. SSDI provides financial resources to people with significant disabilities.

To celebrate these anniversaries, The Arc released a new edition of National Policy Matters, *Social Security and SSI for People with*



*I/DD and Their Families*. The Arc also released a blog post to educate people about SSDI and the actions that must be taken to ensure these resources remain available.

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

[Click here](#) to view the blog post.

#### Events

#### **New Centers for Independent Living National Onsite Training**

The National Council for Independent Living is hosting Liberation to Leadership: The Role of CILs in Transforming Communities, a brand new national onsite training. The event will be held in Berkeley, California, **September 15-17, 2015**. The cost for the event is \$150, and it includes a tour of the Ed Roberts Campus at the University of California at Berkeley. Registration closes on **August 25, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to view the training information.

#### Jobs & Internships

#### **Seeking Program Director for PHILLIPS Programs**

PHILLIPS Programs is seeking applicants for the position of Program Director. The Program Director will be responsible for all aspects of managing the multi-jurisdiction program and future growth including administration, program development, budget preparation and oversight,



community liaison and building relationships, intake and oversight of cases and billing, hiring, and training and supervision of all staff. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of 10 years of experience and knowledge of automated billing and case management software. Licensed Professional Counselor or Licensed Clinical Social Worker preferred. The posting closes on **Monday, August 31, 2015**.

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