



## VDA WEEKLY E-MAILING

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### ACL News & Information

Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

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

### NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

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

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## UPDATES

**July 19, 2015**

**APS Draft Guidelines: We Want to Hear From You**

**First Public Listening Session:  
Wednesday, August 26, 2015 - 2:30pm ET  
- 3:30pm ET**

**Deadline for Comments: Friday, October 30, 2015**

Adult Protective Services (APS) play a critical role in addressing the abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation too often faced by older adults and people with disabilities. ACL is committed to supporting states in developing effective APS systems that ensure adults are afforded similar protections and services, regardless of their state or jurisdiction.

As part of these efforts, last month ACL released [Draft Voluntary Consensus Guidelines for State APS Systems](#). These draft guidelines were developed by experts in the field of APS and adult maltreatment based on the best research available on what works in APS and similar systems. From staff, clients, and families, to those making and receiving referrals, the network of people and organizations that interact with APS is vast. If you are a part of this diverse network, we want to hear from you.

Share your feedback on the draft



guidelines by [calling into a listening session](#) or [submitting a comment](#) by October 30. The first public listening session is [Wednesday, August 26 at 2:30pm ET](#). ACL is also hosting targeted listening sessions to hear from those working in the APS, aging, disability, and legal services networks as well as those working with tribes.

[View a full schedule of listening sessions and register for a call.](#)



**August 18, 2015**

**[n4a Bundled Payments Webinar and New SCAN Foundation Resources](#)**

With significant funding shifting towards improved health outcomes and hospitals and physicians shifting to value-based payment models, the entire healthcare landscape is undergoing major changes.

The aging and disability network can be essential to supporting successful value-based payment models. To better understand the changing landscape, Join n4a on Tuesday, August 25, for "[The Next Line of Business for AAAs & CBOs: Bundled Payments.](#)"

On this webinar, ACL Consultant Tim McNeill, RN, MPH will outline the potential impact of recent CMS initiatives on local markets, the role that Community



Based Organizations (CBOs) can play, and how organizations can take advantage of these opportunities to sustain programs like the Community-based Care Transitions Program.

New resources are also available from the SCAN Foundation, which recently released [a suite of resources](#) for CBOs seeking partnerships with the health care sector. Resources includes:

- [case studies](#) highlighting successful Linkage Lab partnerships;
- an [online learning series](#) on best practices for CBOs;
- a [pricing and sustainability toolkit](#) to help CBOs communicate the value of their work in ways that health plans understand; and
- a [Perspectives](#) piece by SCAN Foundation President and CEO Dr. Bruce Chernof on the importance of forming effective partnerships.

## Long-Term Care Ombudsman Position Open

*Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations*

The Prince William Area Agency on Aging has an opening for a Long Term Care Ombudsman.

More information is available at:

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/pwcgov/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=1216587>

## Independent Living Conference & Virginians with Disabilities Act, ADA Anniversary Event

*Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations*



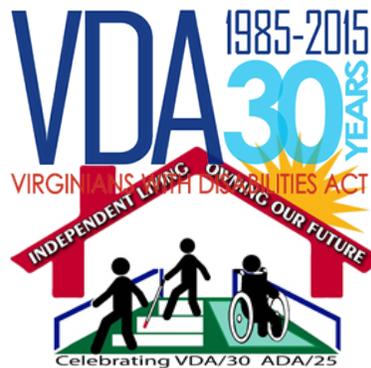
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The Independent Living Conference & Virginians with Disabilities Act, ADA Anniversary Celebration will be held October 8-9, 2015. Conference fees, and hotel reservations should be made directly with DARS through the this link.

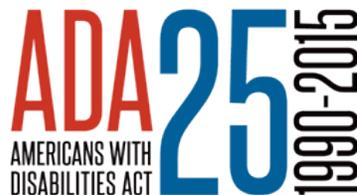
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VASILC, VACIL & DARS Present

A Momentous Independent Living Celebration!  
"Independent Living.....Owning Our Future"



Virginia Independent  
Living Conference  
celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the  
**Virginians with  
Disabilities Act** and the  
25th Anniversary of the  
Americans with  
Disabilities Act!



Thirty years ago this year, Virginia passed the revolutionary **Virginians with Disabilities Act**. Following Virginia's example, five years later the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** was passed by the federal government. These two critical pieces of legislation have and continue to ensure the rights of people with disabilities, freeing them from segregated lives caused by lack of



access to the community and unequal representation under the law. Our society has come a long way over the years, but even today, there are many people with disabilities living in institutions and cut off from the rest of society needlessly. We must continue the fight until every person with a disability has access to the housing, transportation, employment, and accommodations that he or she needs to be an independent member of the community.

To celebrate how far we've come, and examine ways in which we can address remaining issues in the future, the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), the Network of Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in Virginia, and the Statewide Independent Living Council are hosting a two-day anniversary conference on **October 8-9, 2015**, at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa Short Pump location in Richmond, Virginia.

Key Note and Guest Speakers will include:

**Mark Derry**

*Nationally recognized ADA Speaker*

**Marian Vessels**

*Executive Director at Mid-Atlantic ADA Center*

**Ollie Cantos, Esq. (invited)**

*Special Counsel, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, US Department of Education*

**Kelly Buckland**

*Executive Director, National Council on Independent Living*

**Conference Details**

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on October 8th. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on October 9th. Breakfast and registration will begin at 7:30 AM. The sessions and workshops will begin at 9 AM each day.

A special Virginians with Disabilities Act / ADA Celebration and Dinner will be on October 8th – there is no extra cost.

**The Fine Art of Balancing Protection with Self-Determination**

*Kathy B. Miller, Director of Programs/Division for the Aging*



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**The Fine Art  
of  
Balancing Protection with Self Determination**

*Join us for a free webinar on Sept. 22, 2015 at 2:00PM (EST)*

**[REGISTER NOW!](#)**

Research shows that empowering individuals to actively participate in personal decision making improves life outcomes and can reduce the risk of abuse and exploitation. There is a risk of abuse and exploitation in all models of decision making for persons with differing abilities. An overly protective response to situations where a person with varying levels of capacity may be at risk can stifle self-determination and empowerment. Protection needs to be carefully balanced with protecting human and constitutional rights. Adults have a basic right to make choices, good or bad, and determine the course of their lives. An overly aggressive, or inappropriate protective response to limited capacity can itself be a form of abuse.

This session will talk about recognizing the signs and signals of abuse, neglect (self-neglect) and exploitation, tools to maximize communication with persons with differing abilities, and promoting self-determination and choice through supported approaches that mitigate against risk and empower individuals. The session will explore the application of the Supported Decision Making model to assist persons in making choices, increase access to positive life outcomes, and reduce the risk of harm.

***Presenters: David Godfrey (Senior Attorney, American Bar Association)***



*Commission on Law and Aging) and Jonathan Martinis (Legal Director, Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities)*

Additional sponsorship for this Webinar is provided by a grant from the Administration on Aging/ Administration for Community Living. This webinar is part of a series of National Elder Rights Training Project/Elder Abuse Prevention webinars for the National Legal Resource Center.

There is no charge for this webinar.

All time listings are in Eastern Time.

If you have any questions email: [trainings@nclc.org](mailto:trainings@nclc.org)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



## Free Fire Safety Materials for Caregivers, Older Adults and Smokers

*Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations on behalf of Chip Stratton, Director of Safety and Risk Management, Emergency Coordination Officer, Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center, Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services*

Each year nearly 2,500 people die in a U.S. home fire and over 13,000 people's lives are forever changed by home fire injuries. As we know, many of these fires can be prevented. Informing residents about their risks and ways to prevent a fire is important. Please take a moment to check out our new brochures, checklists, posters, handouts and social media materials for [caregivers of babies and toddlers](#), [smokers](#) and [older adults](#).

Source: Fire Prevention and Safety News and Resources for U.S. Fire Administration - <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/>

## Individual and Community Preparedness

*Kathy B. Miller, Director of Programs/Division for the Aging*

### Individual and Community Preparedness e-Brief |

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### **New American Red Cross Financial Planning Guide**

Safeguarding one's finances in case of a catastrophic event is an often-overlooked aspect of disaster preparedness. In response, the [American Red Cross](#) and the American Institute of CPA's (AICPA) developed *Disasters and Financial Planning*, a comprehensive guide aimed at helping people be more proactive with their financial preparedness in advance of disasters. This guide highlights the importance of:

- Setting aside a three-day supply of cash to cover expenses one might encounter during a disaster or emergency;
- Planning ahead by attaining the proper insurance coverage so that disaster recovery doesn't have to come out of pocket;
- Having a solid financial plan to avoid living paycheck to paycheck; and
- Having money set aside to address immediate disaster-related needs.

You can also complete the *Emergency Financial First Aid Kit* (EFFAK) from the FEMA and [Operation HOPE](#). Use the EFFAK to identify your important documents, medical records, and household contacts. Safeguarding your documents is one of the [10 Ways to Participate in America's PrepareAthon!](#) When you complete this activity, be sure [to add it](#) to the campaign's website.

### **Beware of Disaster Fraud**

In times of disaster, communities pull together to help one another, however, disasters can also present the opportunity for scammers to take advantage of people. Disaster fraud is a very real occurrence during a crisis. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has some [tips](#) to help you avoid disaster fraud, including:

- Contact your insurance company as soon as possible to start the claims process;
- Stay away from adjustors who charge big upfront fees, refer you to contractors, ask you to make a false or inflated claim, or ask you a suspicious amount of personal information;



- Get bids from several local, established contractors; and
- Never pay in cash.

The last thing you should have to worry about after a disaster is a financial disaster due to fraud. For more information on how to avoid scams while on the road to recovery, check out this [article](#) from CFPB.

Survivors should also keep in mind that state and federal workers never ask for or accept money, and always carry identification badges with a photograph. There is no fee required to apply for or to get disaster assistance from FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), or the state. Additionally, no state or federal government disaster assistance agency will call to ask for your financial account information; unless you place a call to the agency yourself, you should not provide personal information over the phone – it can lead to identity theft.

### **What Are Your Two Ways Out?**

If a fire occurs in your home, you don't want to be left without a plan of escape! According to the [United States Fire Administration](#), fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you with as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Creating a family escape plan is easy! A great way to start is by following these [steps](#):

- Walk through your home with your family and identify all possible exits and escape routes;
- Draw a floor plan of your home and mark two escape routes from each room using an [escape planning grid](#);
- Get children involved in escape planning;
- Have a meeting place outside of the home; and
- Practice your plan at least two times a year.

Your first priority in any emergency is keeping yourself and your family safe. You can find more information about escape planning and fire safety by visiting the [U.S. Fire Administration](#). Also, be sure to watch this special [public service announcement](#).

**Dates for Your Calendar!**



- Sept 1 – 30: [National Preparedness Month](#)
- Sept 30: [National PrepareAthon! Day](#)

*Disclaimer: The reader recognizes that the federal government provides links and informational data on various disaster preparedness resources and events and does not endorse any non-federal events, entities, organizations, services or products. Please let us know about other events and services for individual and community preparedness that could be included in future newsletters by contacting [citizencorps@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:citizencorps@fema.dhs.gov).*

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FEMA

## Medical Device Safety and Recalls: Western/Scott Fetzer Company OxyTOTE Portable Oxygen Unit May Ignite and Burst

*Kathy B. Miller, Director of Programs/Division for the Aging*

A recall has been issued for Western/Scott Fetzer Company OxyTOTE Portable Oxygen Unit.

The company received reports that when the OxyTote is mishandled or dropped, the oxygen cylinder may ignite causing an internal flash fire and the canister to burst.

The firm has received a total of 2 reports of incidents in which the device has malfunctioned, including 1 injury and 1 death. When the injury occurred, the unit was dropped from 4 feet; where the death occurred, the employee did not drop the gas cylinder, but set it down by his side.

For more information, please see:

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/ListofRecalls/ucm458740.htm>.



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## ADEAR Publication: Common Behavior Changes in People with Alzheimer's

*Charlotte Arbogast, Dementia Services Coordinator*

Dear Grantees and Partners,

We wanted to make you aware of a new tip sheet from the Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center. See below announcement.

### National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center Team



Alzheimer's disease can [change how a person acts over time](#). You may see behaviors like:

- Getting upset, worried, and angry more easily
- Acting depressed or not interested in things
- Hiding things
- Wandering

Caregivers may not be able to stop these changes, but there are ways to cope. Read about them in our tip sheet [Managing Personality and Behavior Changes](#). This tip sheet is available to download as a PDF and an e-Book (both ePub and MOBI formats).

Share this info on social media with the following message:

#Caregivers—learn how to cope with common behavior changes in ppl w/ #Alzheimers <http://1.usa.gov/1NvRy4X>



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## NASUAD Friday Updates

*Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant*

# FRIDAY UPDATES

## NASUAD

August 21, 2015

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### From NASUAD

#### **NASUAD Launches Introduction to Elder Abuse Course Online**

NASUAD has launched a new course, An Introduction to Elder Abuse, on its free online training system, NASUAD IQ. The course provides participants with an overview of the issue of elder abuse. The course materials define, distinguish, and explain the significance and impact of elder abuse, as well as offer strategies to respond to possible scenarios. The course is designed for individuals in the fields of aging and disabilities who may encounter elder abuse or



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vulnerable adult abuse situations. The course includes a PowerPoint presentation, voiceover audio presentation, written narrative, and quiz. Participants who score 80% or high on the course quiz will receive certificates of completion. NASUAD IQ hosts over 15 free and informative courses on aging and disability services and policies.

[Click here](#) to access NASUAD IQ.

[Click here](#) to preview the Elder Abuse course syllabus.

**I&R Center Webinar: Texas' No Wrong Door  
System of Access**

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on the Texas experience with building a "no wrong door" system of access. The webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

Strong partnerships between Texas Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) and 211 Area Information Centers are essential to providing a true "no wrong door" system of access. Join this webinar to learn about the Texas experience enhancing streamlined, person-centered information and referral services with respect to the Texas Balancing Incentive Program grant. State level and local ADRC and 211 network partners will highlight state-level initiatives and successful "best practice" models for outreach and referral management. Presenters are Patricia



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Bordie, Manager, Community Access & Grants Unit, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services; Beth Noah, ADRC Coordinator, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Tarrant County; and Vicki Mize, 2-1-1 Director, United Way of Tarrant County. This presentation was first given at the 2015 AIRS conference.

No pre-registration is required to participate in the webinar.

To join the meeting, go to <https://join.me/nasuadwebinar>

On a computer, use any browser with Flash. There is nothing to download. On a phone or tablet, launch the join.me app and enter meeting code: nasuadwebinar

To join the audio conference:  
Dial 888-346-3659  
Access Code 33688#

[Click here](#) to join the I&R Center's distribution list.

**2015 HCBS Conference-Only 9 Days Away-  
Download the App and Register Today!**

Join us for the [National Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Conference](#) held in Washington, DC, **August 31-September 3**. The 2015 National HCBS Conference is going to be the largest to date with over 1,200 attendees! Because of this, we



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will be requiring everyone to wear their name badges at all times. As workshop rooms fill up, staff will be around to help direct you to a less full session. We thank you in advance for helping things run smoothly.

We have a very full and exciting agenda, with a number of compelling plenary sessions, a technology track, a very full exhibit hall, and a dance party with the same band returning from last year's conference!

This year the HCBS Conference is offering a Conference App, sponsored by [FEi Systems](#), which includes a full detailed agenda that you can bookmark, a listing of all attendees you can connect with through the app, and a complete listing of our exhibitors and sponsors! The mobile app for National HCBS Conference App is [now available](#). Your log-in is the email address you used to register, and the password is "hcbs." If you have difficulty logging in to the app, please contact [Rachel Feldman](#).

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

### 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.*

**Building A Culture of Engagement for**



### **Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees**

The Center for Health Care Strategies released a technical assistance brief, funded by the Commonwealth Fund, that examines member engagement approaches used by participating health plans in Promoting Integrated Direct Care for Eligibles (PRIDE). The brief highlights promising strategies for providing Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with complex medical, behavioral health, and social service needs. There is specific emphasis on the approaches to building trusting relationships with members as it helps the process to best identify what services each person needs on an individual basis.

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

From the Administration

### **Administration for Community Living**

#### **APS Seeks Feedback on Draft Guidelines**

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) released [Draft Voluntary Consensus Guidelines for State APS Systems](#) in an effort to support states in developing effective Adult Protective Services (APS) systems. The guidelines were written by experts in the field using the best research available on effective practices. The goal is to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities are afforded proper protection and services. ACL acknowledges the diversity of the network



that works with APS and they want to hear feedback from all parts of this system. The listening session will be held on **Wednesday, August 26, 2015, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.** The deadline for comments is **Friday, October 30, 2015.**

[Click here](#) to register for the listening session.

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

[Click here](#) to view more information.

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

#### National Medicare Education Program Meeting

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are sponsoring a National Medicare Education Program (NMEP) Meeting to mobilize national and local organizations to support outreach and education on the Medicare Program. The goal of the meeting is to connect public and private organizations that work together at state and local levels to help CMS program-eligible individuals understand their health care options. You must register in advance to attend this meeting. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 9, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

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

### Department of Health and Human Services

#### Seeking Applications for Health IT



### **Advisory Committees**

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) has open positions for the Health IT Policy Committee (HITPC) and the Health IT Standards Committee (HITSC). The HITPC is looking for a Consumer/Patient Representative while the HITSC is seeking applications for a variety of positions including Long-term Care Representative and Ancillary Healthcare Worker Representative. Applications must be submitted through [ONC's application database](#) by **Friday, September 11, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to access the Policy Committee applications.

[Click here](#) to access the Standards Committee applications.

### **Department of Housing and Urban Development**

#### **New App to Help Americans Find Housing**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a new [Resource Locator](#) mobile application for both smartphones and tablets. This application offers an easier method for Americans to get help on answers to any housing-related questions they may have. It has the capability to connect users with building managers, public housing authorities, and property management companies, to learn about available HUD housing, including people



with disabilities and seniors.

[Click here](#) to download the app.

### Department of Labor

#### **Establishing Work and Full Participation as Accountable Health Outcomes: Feedback Wanted**

The Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) is hosting the second in a three-part series of important dialogues, Establishing Work and Full Participation as Accountable Health Outcomes. These dialogues are designed to collect data from the interested stakeholders to inform policy recommendations that will reduce the number of working adults who have lost their jobs after their ability to work was hindered by a health condition. The DOL's crowdsourcing tool allows for stakeholders to provide feedback to ODEP. All feedback must be submitted by **today, Friday, August 21, 2015.**

[Click here](#) to provide feedback.

#### **Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Advisory Committee Draft Report**

The Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities, created by the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), released a copy of its draft Interim Report on August 10, 2015. The report, which



is required by the WIOA, offers a summary of the Committee's progress, interim findings and conclusions, and preliminary recommendations. The Committee is currently examining the use and oversight of 14(c) certificates allowed under the Fair Labor Standards Act and new methods to increase competitive integrated employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The final version of the Interim Report is due to the Secretary of Labor and Congress by **September 15, 2015**.

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

From Other Organizations

[American Society on Aging](#)

#### **Webinar: Generations Education Series**

The American Society on Aging is hosting a webinar series on various topics relevant to the aging field. The webinars will accompany upcoming issues of *Generations*, the Journal of the ASA. This series and the issues of *Generations* are made possible by a grant from the Archstone Foundation. The first webinar of the series will be presented by Bill Walsh, Director of Strategy, Planning, and Executive Communications at AARP. He will speak about the factors that have led to the increase in self-empowered aging, the scientific background for popular consumer solutions, and the ethical, financial, and public policy challenges of self-directed care. This webinar



includes complimentary CEUs. The first webinar will take place on **Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.**

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

[Click here](#) to view details about the entire series.

### Center for Health Care Strategies

#### **New Resources to Advance Integrated Care for Dually Eligible Individuals**

Through Promoting Integrated Care for Dual Eligibles (PRIDE), supported by The Commonwealth Fund, the Center for Health Care Strategies is helping a group of health plans advance efforts to integrate care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. Plans participating in PRIDE are exploring strategies for fostering person-centered care; engaging providers and enrollees; and scaling-up models while maintaining high-touch care. CHCS has released two new resources from this project: 1) a technical assistance brief that outlines promising strategies for engaging Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with complex medical, behavioral health, and social service needs; and 2) a blog post, detailing five priority areas that have emerged during the first two years of the PRIDE initiative.

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



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

### Justice in Aging

#### **Push for the SSI Restoration Act Passage**

Justice in Aging reports that the [Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\) Restoration Act of 2015](#) (S 1387 and HR 2442), which was introduced in Congress on May 19, 2015, is gaining traction in both the Senate and the House. Currently ten Senators and more than 30 Representatives have signed on to the bill to reduce senior poverty. The bill will provide for overdue updates to the SSI program that millions of the poorest older Americans and people with disabilities rely on as their sole source of support. Additional information about the Act and a sample constituent letter are available on the Justice in Aging website.

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

### Mathematica

#### **Policy Forum: State Trends in the Child SSI Program**

Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy is hosting a forum on state trends in the child Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. This event will use Mathematica's new study, completed for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to teach attendees



about the findings and possible implications for future policy and program decisions. The speaker panel will feature David Wittenburg, Mathematica; David Mann, Mathematica; Bonnie O'Day, Mathematica; Purvi Sevak, Mathematica; and John Tambomino, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The event will take place at Mathematica's Washington D.C. office on **Thursday, September 24, 2015, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.**

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

### [National Association of Area Agencies on Aging](#)

#### **Webinar: The Next Line of Business for AAAs & CBOs: Bundled Payments**

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) is hosting a webinar on the ever-changing landscape of healthcare. The webinar will be presented by Tim McNeill, RN, MPH, ACL Consultant. He will speak about the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement model, other bundled payment initiatives, and their impact on local markets. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, August 25, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. ET.**

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

### [National Consumer Law Center](#)



### **Webinar: The Fine Art of Balancing Protection with Self Determination**

The National Consumer Law Center is hosting a webinar on the ways to balance self-determination with the right amount of protection for older adults and people with disabilities. The webinar will be presented by David Godfrey of the American Bar Association and Jonathan Martinis of Quality Trust for People with Disabilities. The topics for this webinar will include the Supported Decision Making model, tools to enhance communication with people with differing abilities, and best practices for promoting self-determination and choice using a method that lessens risk of exploitation. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, September 22, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

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

### **Sibling Leadership Network**

#### **DOL Clarification of Sibling Coverage for Family and Medical Leave**

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) allows eligible employees of covered employers to take unpaid, job-protected leave to care for their own health or for a family member who has a serious health condition. This previously excluded siblings who assumed caregiving roles. The Sibling Leadership Network (SLN) and the National Council on Aging (NCOA) have worked with the Department of Labor (DOL) to offer new



guidance clarifying the eligibility for siblings to care for their adult brothers and sisters with disabilities. The DOL has issued two updated Fact Sheets and a FAQ that includes situations when siblings may be protected. The changes allow for coverage if the sibling is functioning "in loco parentis," meaning in place of the parent.

[Click here](#) to access the fact sheet.

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

### The SCAN Foundation

#### **New Resources for Community-Based Organizations**

The SCAN Foundation just released new resources targeted at community-based organizations, like AAAs and CILs, who seek partnerships with managed care plans and other integrated delivery systems to provide long-term services and supports. SCAN has sponsored "The Linkage Lab" for selected California CBOs to provide organizational development resources for their leadership and management teams. The tools include resources like the [pricing and sustainability toolkit](#), case studies, and more.

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

#### **Friday Update Archive**

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## Peninsula Agency on Aging News (includes attachment)

*Nicole Keeney, Program Coordinator on behalf of Gerald Patesel, PAA*

The Peninsula Agency on Aging was fortunate to have Congressman Bobby Scott and Edwin Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging at the Administration on Aging, deliver meals for us on Wednesday August 12, 2015. Congressman Scott hosted an Aging Roundtable in Newport News in which Deputy Assistant Secretary Walker and Deputy Commissioner for the Virginia Division for the Aging Robert Brink attended, as well as a group of approximately 20 that included other AAA's, Social Service Departments, and other human service organizations. After the roundtable meeting, Congressman Scott and Deputy Assistant Secretary Walker helped one of our MOW volunteers deliver meals to eight seniors living in the Denbigh area of Newport News. Congressman Scott enjoyed his interaction with our seniors and of course our seniors were thrilled that he was taking time to deliver their meals and talk with them. We were also fortunate to have press coverage from the local newspaper and the local ABC news channel. Attached is an article that appeared in our local newspaper, The Daily Press, regarding Congressman Scott's visit and delivery of meals to our MOW clients.

Also attached are some pictures from the event:

Picture 1201 features William Massey, CEO Peninsula Agency on Aging, Congressman Scott, and Gerald Patesel, Director of Community Services Peninsula Agency on Aging.

Picture 2309 features Congressman Scott and Edwin Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging at the Administration on Aging with local ABC News reporter Scott Gooding.

The link below is to the local ABC News station's coverage of Congressman Scott's delivery of our Meals on Wheels that was featured during the 6:00 p.m. newscast on August 12, 2015.

<http://www.13newsnow.com/story/news/2015/08/12/agencies-brace--looming-sequestration-cuts/31565383/>

Please feel free to share this with everyone at DARS and let me know if you would like any additional information regarding Congressman Scott's meal delivery.

# Rep. Bobby Scott delivers with Meals on Wheels program

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Cathy Adams, a nine-year volunteer with Meals on Wheels, had company as she delivered lunch to Newport

News residents on Wednesday.

Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Newport News, joined her, carrying food and greeting people as they prepared to eat.



Several others from agencies and organizations that deal with aging drove with Adams and Scott through Newport News to meet those benefiting from Meals on Wheels.

“For some of these people, this is the only hot, nutritious meal they’ll have during the day,” said Edwin Walker, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

He also said the volunteers check on the conditions of the people receiving the meals. Many of the recipients suffer from disabilities and live alone — the volunteer delivering lunch may be the only person they see or speak with that day.

However, continuation of this service is uncertain at the moment.

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*Edwin Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Meals on Wheels is threatened by sequestration, or across the board cuts on all government spending, said Scott. He said that while Meals on Wheels is mostly operated by volunteers, it still relies upon government money.

Meals on Wheels is funded by the Older Americans Act, which provides various services to the country’s elderly population. Reauthorization of The Older Americans Act is under consideration in Congress, according to a release from Scott’s office.

Walker said that Meals on Wheels allows seniors who are physically limited or homebound to remain where they live rather than moving into a nursing home. He added that the cost to deliver food was lower than the cost of moving people into nursing homes — a cost that the government would shoulder.