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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.nasud.org/newsroom/friday-update>

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.

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UPDATES

September 10, 2015

Webinar: Business Planning for Dementia Programs

Thursday, September 17, 2015, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET

Join the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center for a webinar on Business Planning for Dementia Programs.

Participants will learn about the purpose of business planning for dementia programs, components of a business plan, funding strategies, and evaluation.

To register for this webinar and to learn more information, please click [here](#).



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September 11, 2015

Preventing Suicide in Older Adults; Webinar, Online Toolkit

Thursday, September 17, 2015, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM EDT

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and older adults have a higher risk of suicide than the general population, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Several factors may be involved, but suicide is preventable.

You can learn about this public health issue by joining the National Council on Aging for the "[Suicide Prevention and Older Adults](#)" webinar next week. Expert speakers will highlight risk factors for suicide among older adults and will discuss successful strategies for preventing suicide.

Additionally, this webinar is an opportunity to learn more about the recently released toolkit, [Promoting Emotional Health and Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for Senior Centers](#). You can read more about the toolkit at the [ACL Blog](#).

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



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Traumatic Brain Injury Program Moving to ACL

Today, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that the administration of the [Traumatic Brain Injury \(TBI\) Program](#) is being transferred from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to ACL, effective October 1, 2015. The TBI Program, which includes two components, will join ACL's [Administration on Disabilities](#). The State Implementation Program, which provides funding to develop or enhance community-based services to those at risk for or impacted by TBI, will join the [Independent Living Administration](#). The Protection and Advocacy Grants Program, which provides training, advocacy, legal consultation to individuals with TBI will join the [Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#).

HRSA and ACL are working closely to ensure a smooth transition of the program. All current program and grant operations will continue to be administered by HRSA until the current grant cycle has ended.

Read the full announcement at the [ACL Blog](#).



UPDATES

September 14, 2015

OCR Seeks Comments on Affordable Care Act Proposed Rule that Bans Health Care Discrimination

On Tuesday, September 8, 2015, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. The proposed rule is designed to ensure that vulnerable populations can obtain equal access to health care and health coverage.

Section 1557 is the nondiscrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act and it specifically addresses populations that have historically been subject to discrimination. The law, and the proposed rule implementing the law, prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, and disability. They extend to Health Insurance Marketplaces and HHS health programs and activities the prohibition against discrimination based on sex. The proposed rule also includes gender identity discrimination as a form of sex discrimination.

The proposed rule, *Nondiscrimination in Health Programs and Activities*, requires effective communication for individuals with disabilities, including through the provision of auxiliary aids and services; establishes standards for accessibility of buildings and facilities; and requires that programs provided through electronic and information technology be accessible, unless the entity can show undue financial and administrative burdens or a fundamental alteration in the nature of the program or activity. It also enhances language assistance for people with limited English proficiency.

The proposed rule requires that women be treated equally by health care providers. It also adds protections against discrimination based on gender identity. For example, some



insurance policies have historically contained categorical exclusions on coverage of all care related to gender transition. The proposed rule prohibits such exclusions and requires that individuals be treated consistent with their gender identity, including in access to facilities.

The proposed rule applies to health insurance programs and other activities that receive federal funding, including the Health Insurance Marketplace and other health coverage plans. ACL grantees that provide health related activities should review the proposed rule to determine how the activities they provide may be affected.

OCR is seeking public comment on the proposed rule and will accept comments until November 6, 2015. Comments should be submitted electronically through regulations.gov.

Click [here](#) to read the Federal Register Notice proposal and make comments.

Related Resources:

Office for Civil Rights' [press release](#), [fact sheet](#), and [FAQs](#) on the Nondiscrimination in Health Programs and Activities Proposed Rule.

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Staffing Update at VDA

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Devin Bowers was hired last week as Dementia Services Coordinator with the Virginia Division for the Aging (VDA) and will begin on September 14. Devin has previously worked with VDA doing research on best practices and other projects related to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and most recently on the Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME)



programs at the AAAs. Devin has a Master of Public Health degree with a Specialty in Global and Community Health from George Mason University and graduate certificates in Nonprofit Management from the University of Virginia and Aging Studies from Virginia Commonwealth University. We are excited to welcome Devin full-time as a member of the DARS-VDA team.

Prince William Area Agency on Aging (PWAAA) Recruitment

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

PWAAA is recruiting a Fiscal & Administration Division Manager. Additional information about this position can be found at

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/pwcgov/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=1240149>.

Change to the Remittance Advice

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

The Remittance Advice lists all of the funds your agency is contracted to receive from DARS-VDA. It is updated when a payment occurs.

We are in the process of making two changes that should make the process faster and the document easier understand. First, instead of emailing the document, the Remittance Advice will be posted on the DARS website under 'Information for Service Providers'. The link is http://www.vda.virginia.gov/service_menu.asp. If you scroll down to 'Additional Information', you will see the link 'Remittance Advice' in alphabetical order. Currently the August remit is the only one posted. In the future, the 'Remittance Advice' link will be a new webpage which will provide future Remittance Advices as they are posted.

The second change is the Remittance Advice now shows the funds awarded by year. This means the federal Title III and Title VII funds will be separated by year. This negates the need for '9/30 Balance' column. Also, since the funds are separated by year, the General Funds will be shown separately, similar to the amounts on the funding allocations sheets prior to transfer requests.

You are encouraged to review the August Remittance Advice that Mary Castlebury emailed to your agency to the one posted on the web to confirm totals and ensure accuracy in the conversion from the old to the new format.

I hope you like the two changes. If you have any concerns about the Remittance Advice, please contact Mary Castlebury at Mary.Castlebury@dars.virginia.gov. If you have concerns about



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contracted amounts, please contact Brenda Cooper at Brenda.Cooper@dars.virginia.gov. If you have any other questions, please contact me at Tim.Catherman@dars.virginia.gov.