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[Increasing Opportunities for Integrated Employment: Lessons from Indiana](#)

ACL is highlighting an example of a promising practice for employment benefits designed to meet the needs of individuals, promote integrated employment, and comply with requirements of the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)

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[home and community-based services \(HCBS\) settings rule](#) and the Supreme Court's *Olmstead v. L.C.* ruling.

LIFEDesigns serves 350 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), traumatic brain injuries, and other disabilities in the south central Indiana area. They take a holistic approach to their work providing “wrap-around” services to meet the diverse needs of their customers.

[Learn about LIFEDesigns' services, the organization's funding structure, and the key factors that have led to their success.](#)

This is ACL's third profile of a local program promoting integrated employment for people with disabilities; learn about [Community Link in Colorado](#) and [the Arc of Washington County, MD](#).

ACL is interested in hearing from states, providers, and advocates working on integrated employment. Share your successes, challenges, and questions by e-mailing aclinfo@acl.gov.



May 23, 2016

[Comments Needed: Accessibility of Web Information and Services of State and Local Government Entities, ADA Title II](#)

The Department of Justice (Department) is considering revising regulations that implement Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to establish specific technical requirements to make services, programs, or activities offered to the public by state and local governments accessible via the Web.

The Department is issuing a Supplemental Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SANPRM) in order to solicit public comment on technical requirements of the web sites of state and local governments.

In 2010, the Department issued an Advance Notice of Proposed



Rulemaking titled Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability; Accessibility of Web Information and Services of State and Local Government Entities and Public Accommodations. The purpose of the 2016 SANPRM is to solicit additional public comment specifically regarding the regulation implementing title II, which applies to state and local government entities. Comments must be submitted by August 8, 2016.

For complete information and to submit a formal comment:
<https://federalregister.gov/a/2016-10464>

[ADA Fact Sheets](#)

Webinar: Case Management Accreditation for LTSS

Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) is hosting a webinar that will provide an overview of NCQA's soon-to-be released Case Management Accreditation for Long Term Services & Supports. Long-term services and supports (LTSS) help older Americans, and those with disabilities, live happier and healthier lives, providing access to services and quality care that support independence and help people remain at home longer. As the older population (age 65+) grows, the role that LTSS plays in the health care system becomes more important. Payers and partners need assurance that LTSS providers can effectively coordinate care across medical, behavioral and social services. With this in mind, NCQA will launch a new Case Management Accreditation for Long-Term Services and Supports in July. This program will provide a framework for organizations to deliver person-centered care efficiently and effectively, and to align with state and managed care organization needs. During this session attendees will learn: Rationale for program development; eligibility for participation; program benefits; standards overview; and benefits of early adoption. This webinar is recommended for organizations that coordinate LTSS services; Area Agencies on Aging; Aging and Disability Resource Centers; Centers for Independent Living; and health plans only responsible for LTSS and not medical/behavioral health benefits. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, May 31, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Older Americans Month Campaign

Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs

Dear Colleagues:



The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is celebrating Older Americans Month with a new campaign to help prevent elder fraud and exploitation. We created a placemat with simple tips for avoiding common predatory consumer scams. Meals on Wheels America is helping us distribute these consumer protection placemats on meal trays nationwide. We would love your help too. If you are interested in distributing these placemats to a senior center, meal program, or to loved ones, they are available free here<

You can read more about this effort on our blog: <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/serving-up-hot-meals-with-consumer-education-protect-older-americans-abuse/><

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Thank you!

Nora Dowd Eisenhower
Office for Older Americans
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Department of Criminal Justice Services: Missing Person Guide

Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs

Virginia's Department of Criminal Justice Services has created a guide to help family members in the event one of their loved ones goes missing. It contains practical information that could help in time of such crisis. You can find it online at:

<http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims/documents/missingpersonguide.pdf>



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Virginia Department of Emergency Management: Hurricane & Flooding Preparedness

Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 20, 2016

Virginians Urged to Be Hurricane Ready

May 22-28 is Hurricane and Flooding Preparedness Week in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. – Of all the weather events that impact Virginia the most, hurricanes top the list. Historical storms like Camille, Fran, Floyd, Isabel, Gaston and Irene are a reminder to inland and coastal residents that significant flooding, damages and loss of life can occur in Virginia.

To emphasize the importance of preparing for hurricane season, Governor Terry McAuliffe has designated May 22-28 as [Hurricane and Flooding Preparedness Week](#) in Virginia. Hurricane season starts June 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

Colorado State University hurricane researchers are predicting a near-average hurricane season for the Atlantic basin with 12 named storms, five to become hurricanes and two to reach major hurricane strength (Saffir/Simpson category 3-4-5) with sustained winds of 111 miles per hour or greater.

“While we hope this hurricane season will be uneventful, it only takes one storm to cause severe damage and even loss of life,” said



State Coordinator Dr. Jeff Stern. “Now is the time to gather emergency supplies, evaluate your insurance needs and update preparedness plans.”

The National Weather Service (NWS) considers hurricanes among nature’s most powerful and destructive phenomena. Even when hurricanes make landfall in other states, they can still cause significant damage and loss of life in Virginia. In fact, some of the worst storms in Virginia's history were from hurricanes that made landfall in other states. Tropical storms or depressions can be just as damaging or deadly as a hurricane.

How to Prepare

- Sign up for text alerts/weather warnings that may be offered by your locality.
- Talk to an insurance agent about flood insurance.
 - Most homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover flooding. That is a separate policy. Renters and business owners also can get flood insurance.
 - Just one inch of water in a mid-size home or office can mean \$20,000 in repairs.
 - Go to www.floodsmart.gov or call 1-800-379-9531 for more information. Typically, there’s a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase before the policy goes into effect.
- Assemble a disaster supply kit for your home, office and car. Items that are important to have during an emergency include: cell phone backup power, batteries, flashlights, lanterns, bottled water, first aid kits, NOAA Weather Radios and portable generators. For a complete list of important emergency items, visit www.ReadyVirginia.gov.
- Download the free Ready Virginia app for [iPhone®](#) and [Android™](#). Features include: NWS warnings; customizable emergency plan; an emergency supplies checklist; the “I’m Safe!” text feature for notifying friends and family in an emergency; and an interactive map to identify potential storm surge risks.
- Create a family emergency communications plan.
 - Decide how and where everyone will meet up with



each other if separated.

- Choose an out-of-town emergency contact for your family and give that person's phone number to each family member. Make a sheet of emergency contacts and post it in visible places in your home and workplace, rather than relying on smartphones or online contact lists.
- Get a free emergency plan worksheet at www.ReadyVirginia.gov or www.ListoVirginia.gov or use the new Ready Virginia app.
- People with disabilities and others with access and functional needs may need to take additional steps. Visit www.vaemergency.gov/readyvirginia/getakit/disabilities for tips.

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Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant

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NASUAD

May 20, 2016

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(HCBS) Conference held in Washington, DC, August 29 - September 1. The Conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and in all settings. Quickly becoming the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of HCBS and long-term services and supports, the Conference allows states to share best practices, present unique partnerships, and recognize the work of their peers.

The National HCBS Conference will include federal, state, and local policymakers and those who administer, manage, and deliver waiver and other HCBS programs. The Conference always sees a strong presence from U.S. Health and Human Services ranging from the Administration for Community Living including (AoA, Office of Disability, and AIDD) to CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, Office of Developmental Disabilities, and other federal agencies.

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

I&R Center Webinar: America's Health Rankings Senior Report, 2016

The National I&R Center is hosting a webinar on America's Senior Health Rankings Senior Report, 2016. The webinar will explore the most recent data released about senior health on a national and state-by-state basis, according to the Senior Health Rankings Report to be released by United Health Foundation. You will learn about national health improvements and challenges, senior health state rankings, and tools you can use to communicate the data. Your questions and suggestions will be welcomed. Sarah Milder, MPH, Principal Epidemiologist, Arundel Metrics, will present the information. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, June 8, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Media Campaign to Spread the Word About Medicare Extra Help Programs

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is seeking to collaborate with disability organizations that already help people with one or more of the impairments that qualify individuals for SSI. NASUAD has created several resources to distribute to individuals with



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disabilities to inform them of the Medicare Savings Programs that are available for people with low-income backgrounds. We are hoping that organizations might utilize these tools. Please see the document below, which provides great shortcuts and helpful resources to help you participate in this campaign. Please email [Linda Nakagawa](mailto:Linda.Nakagawa@vagr.state.va.us) if you have any comments or questions.

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

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 for more information.

Policy & Research Needs to Maximize Independence & Community Living

On October 6, 2015, a public workshop was convened by the Institute of Medicine and the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education to learn about the supports that are needed for community living and maximizing independence. The workshop included stakeholder members from the federal government, industry, academia, and nonprofit organizations. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine published a summary of the workshop that includes the policy and research that is needed to support independent living in the community. Some of the challenges include: insufficient workforce, insufficient funding, and lack of evidence demonstrating effectiveness or value.

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

From the Administration

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Living

Promising Practice on Integrated Employment from Indiana

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has highlighted several promising practices on integrated employment on their blog. Most recently they shared a promising practice for employment benefits that is used in the state of Indiana. The practice meets the needs of the individuals, promotes integrated employment, and complies with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' home and community based services (HCBS) setting rule and the Supreme Court's *Olmstead v. L.C.* ruling. "LIFE Designs serves 350 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), traumatic brain injuries, and other disabilities in the south central Indiana area. They take a holistic approach to their work providing "wrap-around" services to meet the diverse needs of their customers." ACL is seeking information from states, providers, and advocates working on integrated employment. You can share your successes and challenges with them through [email](#).

[Click here](#) to view the promising practice from Indiana.

[Click here](#) to view the promising practice from Colorado.

[Click here](#) to view the promising practice from Maryland.

Benefits.gov

Disability Benefits Q&A on Facebook

Benefits.gov is hosting a live Q&A session on Facebook on the topic of disability benefits. The Q&A will take place on **Thursday, June 9, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**. The event will include: "Disability Benefit Experts from the U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Social Security Administration on hand to answer your questions; links to resources to help you find disability benefit information; and suggestions on how and where to apply for the assistance you need." Sign up for the event entails going to the [Facebook page](#) and choosing the "going" option under the image on the event page.



[Click here](#) to sign up for the event.

Department of Labor

DOL Releases Fair Labor Standards Act Final Rule

On Wednesday, May 18th, The Department of Labor (DOL) released a final regulation implementing changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act's overtime requirements. The final rule raises the salary threshold for exemption from wage and overtime requirements of employees who primarily perform executive, administrative, or professional duties. The rule will raise this threshold from \$23,660 to \$47,476 per year for salaried workers and is effective December 1, 2016. DOL also includes a provision to automatically update this threshold every three years.

DOL also announced that they will not enforce the new requirements for Medicaid-funded services provided to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who live in residential homes or facilities with 15 or fewer beds. This nonenforcement policy is effective from the rule's effective date (December 1, 2016) until the end of the HCBS Settings Transition period (March 17, 2019). NASUAD notes that the DOL nonenforcement period only applies to providers of Medicaid-funded ID/DD services, and will not apply to services for older adults, people with physical disabilities, behavioral health conditions, or traumatic brain injuries, among other groups. Similarly, the nonenforcement period does not apply to other government programs, such as OAA or state-only HCBS programs.

[Click here](#) to view more information on the rule, including links to the rule itself, factsheets, and FAQs.

Theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Every October, the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Disability Employment Policy observes National Disability



Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). NDEAM is a national campaign that celebrates the skills and talents of people with disabilities in the workplace. This year's theme is "#InclusionWorks," and was developed "with input from partner organizations, including those representing employers; people with disabilities and their families; and federal, state, and local agencies."

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

From the States

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Fundamentals of Protecting Seniors From Financial Exploitation Training

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, State Unit on Aging, in collaboration with the Nebraska State Bar Association Elder Law Section, is co-sponsoring a training for professionals in the aging network. Fundamentals of Protecting Seniors from Financial Exploitation will be streamed live and is free - but registration is required. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, June 22, 2016.**

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

From Other Organizations

Center for Health Care Strategies

Webinar: State Approaches to Providing Health-Related Supportive Services Through Medicaid

The Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. (CHCS) is hosting a webinar on state approaches to providing health-related



supportive services through Medicaid. State policymakers increasingly recognize that addressing the social determinants of health is a critical component for improving outcomes and reducing health care spending for Medicaid beneficiaries. Medicaid, however, typically reimburses only for direct medical care or "enabling services" that facilitate access to care, including care coordination, interpretation, and transportation. A handful of states, are implementing innovative models that go beyond reimbursing solely for direct medical care to pay for a broader range of "non-traditional" supportive services, including housing, employment support, education and training, and environmental modifications.

This webinar, made possible by The Commonwealth Fund, explores how select states are using Medicaid to pay for supportive services within accountable care organizations, health homes, community health teams, accountable communities for health, and other value-based delivery system reforms. Oregon's Coordinated Care Organizations and Massachusetts' High-Risk Pediatric Asthma Bundled Payment Model will be highlighted. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, June 12, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET.**

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

Justice in Aging

Webinar: Progress and Challenges in California Assisted Living

Justice in Aging is hosting a webinar on the progress and challenges of assisted living in California. Though the Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) Reform Act of 2014 made multiple improvements to California's assisted living system, assisted living in California remains hampered by out-of-date statutory provisions and an extremely limited Medicaid waiver program. This webinar will provide aging advocates and providers with an update on California's recent assisted living progress and a background on the state's ongoing challenges. Among other things, the webinar will explore California's assisted living Medicaid waiver, other funding mechanisms, challenges in integrating health care expertise into assisted living, and improvements to on-line access and



monitoring. Improvements in California include increased staffing requirements, a resident's bill of rights, and a strengthened enforcement system-all provisions that California's assisted living regulators have implemented, but not all of the reform provisions have been implemented and significant problems persist. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, May 25, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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

National Committee for Quality Assurance

Webinar: Case Management Accreditation for LTSS

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National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative

YouTube Video Series: Health Insurance Jeopardy Round 2

Last year, the National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC) released a series of videos entitled "Health Insurance Jeopardy." Last week NDNRC announced the release of a new series entitled "Health Insurance Jeopardy Round 2 - Double Jeopardy." This new video series was released over the past week and is based on their population specific fact sheets. The videos will be posted on the NDNRC [YouTube channel](#). Check out their [new story](#) to read more about what will be covered in this new series or to watch the first video on intellectual disabilities.

[Click here](#) to view the new series.

The REV UP Campaign

Webinar: National Disability Voter Registration: Organizing & Training

The REV UP Campaign is coordinating a National Disability Voter Registration Week to increase the political power of people with disabilities while also engaging candidates and the media to recognize the disability community. National Disability Voter Registration Week falls from July 11 - July 15 this year. To help prepare for National Disability Voter Registration Week, the REV UP Campaign is hosting an organizing webinar on **Tuesday, May 24, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.** The purpose of the webinar is to aid organizers across the country to hold their own voter registration events - both physically and online - to increase the number of people with disabilities who are registered to vote and ultimately the number of people with disabilities who cast their ballots on election day this November and in future elections. The webinar will be live captioned. Please submit all accommodation requests when you



complete the online registration form.

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

Events

Barriers and Supports to Employment for State Vocational Rehabilitation Clients

Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy is hosting a policy forum and live webinar on the topic of barriers and supports to employment for state vocational rehabilitation clients. Individuals with a disability are less likely to find and keep jobs than people without disabilities are. Some people with disabilities, however, have more success with employment than their peers do. To better understand the factors that may explain these disparities, the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) sponsored the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Individual-Level Characteristics Related to Employment Among Individuals with Disabilities (IC-RRTC) at the Kessler Foundation. Panelists for the event include: Debra Brucker, Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire; Angie Jaszczak, Mathematica; Joe Marrone, Public Policy Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts, Boston; Frank Martin, Mathematica; and Purvi Seval, Mathematica. This event will take place on **Thursday, June 9, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.**

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

Jobs & Internships

CFPB Seeks Assistant Director for the Office of Older Americans

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Assistant Director for the Office of Older Americans. The CFPB is seeking a proven leader in the field of older adult financial education, financial



consumer protection for older adults, or a closely related field. This leadership experience may be in policy or program development, financial education, or providing direct service to older adults. Applicants should have extensive expertise in developing and scaling major projects, tools, or approaches to help older adults protect and take more control of their financial lives. Strong candidates will also have experience identifying and implementing solutions to consumer financial policy issues impacting older adults, such as elder financial exploitation, financial decision-making in the context of diminished capacity, or consumer protection regulation of consumer financial products used by older adults. The position is located at the CFPB headquarters in Washington, DC. All applications must be submitted by **Thursday, May 27, 2016**.

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

Funding Opportunities

Disability & Rehabilitation Research Projects Program: Employment of People with Disabilities-Development

The Administration for Community Living released the development grant opportunity for the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Project Program (DRRP): Employment of Individuals with Disabilities. The purpose of NIDILRR's Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act). Under this particular DRRP priority, applicants must propose a development project that is aimed at improving the employment outcomes of individuals with disabilities. In carrying out a development project under this program, a grantee must use knowledge and understanding gained from research to create materials, devices,



systems, or methods beneficial to the target population, including design and development of prototypes and processes. Please note that this will be the Funding Opportunity for field-initiated DRRP development projects in the employment domain. NIDILRR plans to make two field-initiated DRRP awards in the employment domain. NIDILRR's field-initiated DRRP awards in the employment domain may include research projects, development projects, or both, depending on the ranking of applications provided by the peer review panel. All applications are due by **11:59 p.m. ET on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

Rides to Wellness Demonstration & Innovative Coordinated Access Grants

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of approximately \$5.3 million of funding from two programs to support the Rides to Wellness Demonstration and Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grants (R2W Demonstration Grants). The goal of the competitive R2W Demonstration Grants is to find and test promising, replicable public transportation healthcare access solutions that support the following goals: increased access to care, improved health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs. Eligible applicants include: States, Tribes, and designated or direct recipients for funds under 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5310 or 5311. Proposers must serve as the lead agency of a local consortium that includes stakeholders from the transportation, healthcare, human service or other sectors. Members of this consortium are eligible as subrecipients. Further, proposers must demonstrate that the proposed project was planned through an inclusive process with the involvement of the transportation, healthcare and human service industries. Eligible projects must have implementation ready capital and operating projects that enhance access, such as: mobility management; health and transportation provider partnerships; technology; and other actions that drive change. These R2W Demonstration Grants will develop best practice solutions that other communities can replicate. All applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.



State Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) released a grant opportunity for states to enhance Adult Protective Services. This demonstration is designed to provide states funding to strengthen their APS systems statewide, to include improvement in practice, services, and data collection and reporting, as well as their technical ability to interface with ACL's National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS). Eligible applicants are the state government offices that administer the state's adult protective services and/or elder protective services program. Recipients of an award under this program in FY 2015 are NOT eligible to apply for funding under this opportunity. Foreign entities are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement. All applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

Building the Business Capacity of Senior Nutrition Programs Learning Collaborative Grants

The National Resource Center for Nutrition and Aging has announced the availability of funding for eight (8) community-based Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Programs interested in strengthening their business capacity. The first Business Acumen Learning Collaborative was announced August 2015.

The Senior Nutrition Program Business Acumen Learning Collaborative is designed to help funded OAA nutrition programs strengthen their business capacity and align service capabilities to prepare to negotiate contracts with healthcare entities, either directly or as a part of a community-based network and to help improve the sustainability of their programs. This initiative provides funding, via eight (8) \$10,000 mini-grant awards, and technical assistance, both in-person and through a variety of other learning activities. Eligible applicants are OAA Nutrition Programs that currently receive funding from the Older Americans Act for Title III Part C - Nutrition Services or Title VI Grants for Native Americans to provide meals and other nutrition services to older adults in their community. The



applicant organization can be either a public organization or private, non-profit organization. This initiative is funded in part by a cooperative agreement between the US Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services and Meals on Wheels America.

Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the Applicant Informational webinar on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. All requirements stated in the Request for Applications must be met in order for an application to be considered. Applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM ET on Friday, June 3, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

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

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REV UP - VOTE!

AAPD has launched a national get-out-the-vote effort for people with disabilities called REV UP. Virginia is coordinating the same effort through VACIL with the CILS. Check it out on Facebook [here](#) or on Twitter @revupvirgina.

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NIDILRR Seeking Public Comment on Proposed Transportation Priority

Transportation is central to living independently, but nearly a third of people with disabilities do not have adequate access.

Current research has shown potential benefits of robotics and automation for independent travel and mobility for people with disabilities. Fully autonomous vehicles are expected to dramatically improve mobility and research and development of this exciting idea is underway in both the public and private sector. Even less dramatic technology is expected to have a tremendous impact.

NIDILRR proposes to fund research to advance the development of robotics and automation that enhance accessible transportation for travelers with disabilities by:

- a) Meeting the diverse needs of travelers with mobility, vision, hearing and cognitive disabilities; and
- b) Providing travelers with the ability to plan and execute on-demand trips at any time and from any location.

The first project to be funded under this priority is entitled: Robotics and Automation Technology Application Development Supporting Independent Mobility.

We invite you to submit comments regarding this proposed priority. Comments must be sent to Marlene Spencer, at Marlene.Spencer@acl.hhs.gov and include the phrase "Proposed Priority for Transportation DRRP" in the subject line of your electronic message. Comments must be submitted on or before May 20, 2016.

Click [here](#) to read the full priority and learn more about learn more about National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR).

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President Obama Additional PCPID Nominees - Jack Brandt!



On Thursday, May 12, 2016, President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID):

- Jack Martin Brandt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. (Reappointment and designated Chair)
 - Dan Habib, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. (Reappointment)
 - Michelle "Sheli" Reynolds, PhD, of Missouri, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. (Reappointment)
 - Ricardo Thornton, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. (Reappointment)
- Click [here](#) to read the President's official announcement to learn more about the nominee.

PCPID serves in an advisory capacity to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) on matters related to individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Committee upholds the right of all people with intellectual disabilities to pursue a quality of life that promotes independence, self-determination, and economic self-sufficiency. Presidential Executive Order 12994, as amended by Executive Orders 13309 and 13446, stipulates that the Committee shall provide advice to the President concerning the following: expansion of educational opportunities; promotion of homeownership; assurances of workplace integration; improvement of transportation options; expansion of full access to community living; and increased access to technology.

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Organizers Forum: Parents with Disabilities



- Tuesday, May 17; 1:00-2:00 p.m. Eastern
- Call-in: 1 (712) 832-8310
- Passcode: 125175#
- Click [here](#) to RSVP online

On this call, we'll talk about how people with disabilities are facing discrimination in the right to parent their children, or even to access reproductive healthcare to allow them to become a parent in the first place. In 32 states you can lose custody of your child solely on the basis of disability. The Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services have issued guidance requiring states to take the ADA into account and legislative efforts on the state level are taking place around the country to add further support.

This call will educate participants on both the problem and potential solutions. The speakers will discuss how different parts of the disability community are being impacted and how we can organize to ensure the protection of these rights for all.

Organized by:

- Rebecca Cokley, mother of two and Executive Director of the National Council on Disability.
- Additional speakers to be announced.

Thank you to the National Disability Leadership Alliance for sponsoring the captioning of this call. If you need additional accommodations to participate in the call, please let us know as soon as possible.

- Click [here](#) to view CART: <https://2020captioning.1capapp.com>
- Username: forum
- Password: forum
- To ask questions via CART: sign-in to the chat function on the right side of the transcript and type your question. One of the call facilitators will read out any questions posted there.
- Because we want to maximize the generously donated CART services, we will begin the call promptly at 1:00 p.m. Eastern

Mark your calendars! The Organizer's Forum has a call on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Eastern.

- Click [here](#) to view the Organizers Forum schedule Listserv
- Click [here](#) to view the Organizers Forum Facebook page



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Calling All Youth with Disabilities and Allies: Share Your Ideas on Transition!



YouthACT Transition Truths National Online Dialogue May 19 - May 22, 2016

Are you a young person with a disability or a youth ally of the disability community? There is an important conversation going on about what youth with disabilities (ages 13-25) need to become successful adult. Let your voice be heard!

From Thursday, May 19 until Sunday, May 22, 2016, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) and the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth is hosting The YouthACT Transition Truths National Online Dialogue.

Youth are encouraged to participate in this important online conversation by sharing ideas on the strategies and supports that can help youth and young adults with disabilities and their peers transition successfully into adulthood.

Click [here](#) to register today! Youth will receive a reminder and further information before the dialogue.

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May is Better Hearing and Speech Month -- Join Us for Some Coffee Break Webinars



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In celebration of Better Hearing and Speech Month, please join us for a week of 15-minute Coffee Break webinars. There is no registration needed to join. Use the links below to access each video at the date and time given:

- Click [here](#) for video access: <https://ncham.adobeconnect.com/ncham/>
 - Click [here](#) for captioning Services



Monday, May 16, 2016 at 2 p.m. EDT
Debunking Common Myths about Using Assistive Technology with Young Children
Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 2 p.m. EDT
Don't Wait to Communicate! Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 2 p.m. EDT
Quality Hearing Screening Practices for Children Birth to 5 Years of Age
Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 2 p.m. EDT
Using a Multi-Modal Approach to Support Children with Hearing Loss
Friday, May 20, 2016 at 2 p.m. EDT
Center on Technology and Disability: Free Resources to Support the Use of Assistive
Technology in Young Children with Disabilities
We hope that you will join us to celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month by
participating in the webinars.
For more information on Better Hearing and Speech Month, click [here](#) and [here](#).

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New Parenting with a Disability Toolkit from Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation

The National Council of Disability announces the release of a toolkit that might be of use to someone you know. Click [here](#) to view toolkit online.

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Click [here](#) for Issue 15 of the *Weekly Advocacy Monitor*.



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NIDILRR Final Rule



Today, ACL published a final rule (click [here](#) to view) to implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 regarding the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) in the Federal Register.

This final rule:

- Incorporates feedback on the WIOA transfer from NIDILRR stakeholders;
- Streamlines prior NIDILRR program regulations issued by the Department of Education and aligns the regulations with the current statute and HHS policies;
- Defines the stages of research funded by NIDILRR and requires applicants to identify which stage(s) of research they propose to undertake.

These final regulations are effective July 1, 2016. Click [here](#) to learn more about NIDILRR programs.

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Nominate Deserving Youth with Disabilities for the Diana Viets Memorial Award!





As you know, the NCIL Annual Meeting and Conference is rapidly approaching. The 2016 Annual Conference on Independent Living will be held July 25-28 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC. This year, NCIL will again be honoring individuals from the Independent Living field with various awards for their dedication to the Independent Living and Disability Rights Movements.

One of these awards is the Diana Viets Memorial Award. Diana was an energetic young woman with a disability who dedicated her life to empowering young people with disabilities to take an active role in the Independent Living Movement. Through her work at a Center for Independent Living and the NCIL Board, Diana touched the lives of many youth with disabilities. NCIL wants to acknowledge, honor, and encourage our young leaders who are promoting disability pride, spreading the Independent Living philosophy, and fostering the active participation of youth with disabilities in the Disability Rights Movement.

As a member of NCIL, we ask you to nominate young people from your Center and / or community. Individuals eligible for this award should be young adults whose work through Independent Living has had a positive impact on youth with disabilities.

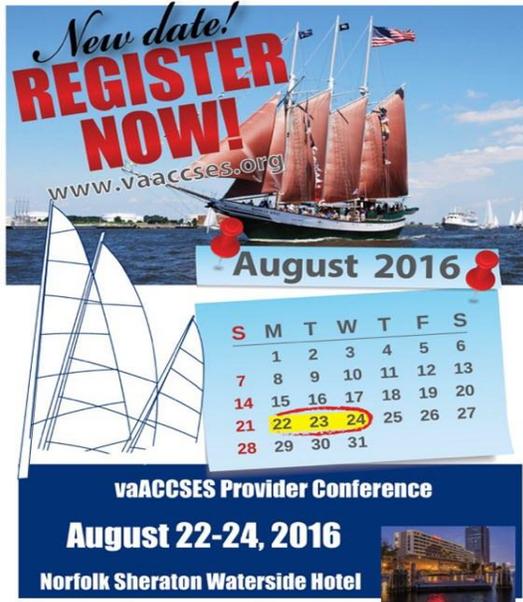
The Diana Viets Memorial Award will be presented to the winner during the Awards Luncheon, Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at NCIL's Annual Conference (click [here](#) for conference information).

Please complete the nomination form by Friday, June 17, 2016 (click [here](#) for form).

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vaACCSES Provider Conference August 22-24



We've moved our June provider conference to a new date in August. We believe that the new date will provide added value to attendees regarding waiver redesign, WIOA, CMS Final Rule Transition in Virginia, the DOL Overtime Rule and SWaM implementation policies - to name just a few of the important state and federal subjects that will be tackled. We wanted to "drill down" on specifics and we believe August provides a better timeline to achieve this outcome.

Click [here](#) for sponsor/promotional opportunities.

Click [here](#) for conference registration.

Click [here](#) for Norfolk Sheraton online lodging link.

We hope to see you in Norfolk in August! Look for more information in the coming weeks.

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Click [here](#) for the latest issues of the VDA Weekly E-mailing.

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**Snapshot of Area Plan Services Provided by Area Agencies on Aging
Fiscal 2016 beginning October 2015 through September 2016**

Service	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8A	8B	8C	8D	8E	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17/18	19	20	21	22
Adult Day Care	X	X						X				✓	X	X			X				X				
Checking	X					X									X		X	X							
Chore			X													X									
Homemaker	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										X	X		X		X			X
Personal Care	X	X				X											X								X
Residential Repair & Renovation		X	X												X	X		✓		✓	✓	X			X
Care Coordination							X					✓			X	X	X		X				X		
Care Transitions		✓					X					✓			X			X	✓	✓	✓		X	✓	✓
Communication, Referral, I & A																									
Options Counseling												✓	✓		X		✓	✓		X			X	✓	
Transportation	X	X		X		X	X	X					X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Assisted Transportation															X										
Congregate Meals	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Home Delivered Meals	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X			X	X	X
Home Delivered FFS																									
Disease Prevention	X	X	X	X	X		X					X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Emergency	X	X	X		X	X							X	✓		X	X		X	X	✓	X		X	X
Employment																X			X			X			
Health Education Screening		X	X																						
Identification Discount																	X								
LTC Coordinating Activity												✓													
Medication Management														✓	X								X		
Money Management			X										✓						X						
Public Information/Education											✓	✓													
Socialization & Recreation		X				X	X					✓	✓	X	X	X				X			X		X
Volunteer Program		X	X							X	✓	✓	X	X	X				X			X			
Legal Assistance																									
Title III-E Counseling																									
Individual Counseling																									
Support Groups																									
Caregiver Training																									
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Elder Rights																									
Elder Abuse Prevention																									
Local LTC Ombudsman																									
CCEVP																									
Service Coordination Level 2																									
Service Coordination Level 1																									
Senior Outreach to Seniors (SOS)																									
Options Counseling																									
Care Transitions																									
Respite Care																									

Legend

- III Services (Except III-E)
- III-E Service Only
- Both
- X - Direct Service Waiver
- ✓ - Non-Area Plan Funds

Direct Service Waiver not required for Communication, Referral, Information and Assistance, Home Delivered FFS, LTC Coordinating Activity, Public Information/Education, Elder Abuse Prevention and Local LTC Ombudsman.

If blank, funds used for Ombudsman program.
 Program is shared or provided by an adjacent AAA

Service Provided