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Blazing a Trail: The New Look of Old Age

By Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary for Aging and Administrator of ACL

This month at ACL we've been celebrating [Older Americans Month](#) by sharing trailblazer stories (and selfies). The stories and images that have come in from around the country tell a story about what it means to age at this particular moment in history.

We all know that older adults are living longer. But there is more to it than that. What these Older Americans Month stories and selfies reveal is that older adults are transforming what it means to be 60, 70, 80, and even 100 plus. They are reinventing the idea of old age and doing it in ways that improve their communities, their health, their families – and that set an example for the generations to come. They are literally blazing a trail forward – setting the course for the rest of us to follow. And that's important because in a few short years, more than 77 million people will be over the age of 60. That's a lot of room for trailblazing in all aspects of our lives.

Over the past seven years, I have had the honor of leading the agency that oversees many of the programs that support older adults on this incredible journey. Our largest programs are made possible by the Older Americans Act, which Congress reauthorized and the president signed into law last month. Through the Aging Network, programs provide healthy meals, nutrition counseling, help with home chores, transportation, and other support to help older adults live in communities and homes of their choosing.

The Act provides funding for elder rights programs that protect older adults in their communities and in long-term care facilities. We have built a federal home for Adult Protective



Services to support the evolution of this critical field. While there is still work to be done, this is one of the things of which I am most proud.

Together these efforts help ensure that older adults have the support they need to live independently, free of harm, and with dignity. That support is making it possible for people to redefine aging, making it what it should be: something to celebrate.

If you haven't read our trailblazer stories, I encourage you to do so. Share them with your friends and neighbors. Use them as a roadmap to 21st century aging. Or, simply find inspiration for your next endeavor. We will use stories like these and other evidence from the field to make sure that ACL programs continue to meet the real-world needs of older Americans.

This Older Americans Month and beyond, let's blaze a trail together – for ourselves, for our communities, and for our nation.

[Read our trailblazer stories](#)

[See the trailblazer selfies on Storify](#)

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING SECTION Q TRAINING

Katie Roeper, Assistant Commissioner

Recently, AAAs have requested refresher training in Section Q. Below is our response:

DMAS and DARS delivered a joint webinar training in 2013, that was recorded and posted to the web. (See the following link. This is shared with you tentatively because not everyone has been successful in accessing it from their computer. Apologies if you experience the same challenge.) http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/ln-home.aspx - Click on link for *Recorded Sessions* and scroll down to 2013 WebEx recordings and click on the link identified as: *MDS 3.0 Section Q Training for LCAs and NFs*. This 30-minute recording follows along with the 2013 power point presentation in the link listed above.



Alternatively, there are PPTs (See the following link. The original developed in 2013 to correspond with the recording and a refresher in 2014) that are also posted on DMAS website. Although, you will need to read through the information (as opposed to listening to the recording), they are quite valuable.

http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/ln-ltc.aspx - Power Point Presentations: 1) 2013 Section Q Training (38 slides), and 2) 2014 Refresher Section Q Training (24 slides)

It is suggested that because AAAs serve as the Local Contact Agencies for Section Q in Virginia, all AAAs who want a refresher, begin by reading these two PPTs and then DARS will schedule a refresher training in Section Q documentation in PeerPlace, over the summer. The 2013 and 2014 PPTs will help to reorient staff or will be excellent orientation for new staff prior to the PeerPlace Section Q training.

More information will follow once a training date has been established for Section Q in PeerPlace.

Altarum Institute: Double Up Food Bucks and Hunger

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant



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Just Posted

Today on the Altarum Health Policy Forum

Double Up Food Bucks and Hunger

By Kate Fitzgerald, Principal, Fitzgerald•Canepa, LLC



The challenges of hunger and food insecurity are complicated in the United States by the seeming paradox of millions of families that are overfed but undernourished. Recent reports from the Council of Economic Advisors and the National Commission on Hunger confirm that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program does an excellent job of averting deep and widespread hunger but that it cannot ensure participants' optimal nutrition...[Read Full Post](#)

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FEMA Newsletter: Individual and Community Preparedness

Chip Stratton, Director of Safety and Risk Management, Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center and Emergency Coordination Officer/DARS

Individual and Community Preparedness e-Brief |



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- **Summer Safety Tips**

Grilling Safety



Many people will be [firing up their grills](#) this Memorial Day weekend and throughout the summer.

With grilling season set to be in full force, take time to review a few safety tips from the [U.S. Fire Administration](#)

(USFA) to protect yourself and your guests from a fire or burn injuries:

- Only use your grill outside;
- Keep it away from siding and deck rails;
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill to keep kids and pets safe;
- Clean your grill after each use to remove grease, which can start a fire;
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled;
- Open your gas grill before lighting; and
- Keep an eye on your grill fire pit or patio torches.

Before you fire up your grill, [check out USFA's animation on grilling safety](#).

Life Saver: Working Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms– at least those that are working - save lives.

Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries.

To protect yourself and your loved ones in case of a fire, the [U.S. Fire Administration recommends](#) the following:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home;
- Set up smoke alarms inside and outside of all sleeping areas;
- If an individual is deaf or hard of hearing, use a smoke



alarm with a bed shaker or strobe light;

- Test your smoke alarms at least once a month; and
- Ensure all members of your household know the sound or alert of the alarm.

For additional information on how to protect yourself from a fire, check out the [USFA](#) website.

[Summer Safety Tips: Staying Safe Outdoors](#)

Keep your family safe this summer by following these tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Also, see [Summer Safety Tips: Sun and Water Safety](#) for more information.

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FEMA

FYI--please note date change

VHQC Care Transitions: Community to Community Series

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

**VHQC Care Transitions - Community to
Community Series**



Mark Your Calendar

August 9, 12:30pm-1:00pm

Tests of Change and the
Improvement Model

**October 11, 12:30pm-
1:00pm**

Measuring Coalition
Activities

**December 13, 12:30pm-
1:00pm**

Celebrating Community
Successes

When

Tuesday June 14, 2016
from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM
EDT

[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

This is an online event

Take 30 minutes over lunchtime to learn about successful strategies for working collaboratively with community partners. During each session you can:

- Focus on a specific topic related to coalition work
- Identify a unique tool or process that can make a difference
- Learn from a featured care transitions community coalition
- Connect with others during the session through Q&A, chat or within VHQC's Care Transitions Online Community. [Sign up here!](#)

Whether you are part of an existing coalition or thinking about developing a community effort, join VHQC's Care Transitions Team every other month to connect to communities across Maryland and Virginia. These sessions are part of VHQC's Learning and Action Network (LAN) events and are designed to inspire action in your local community.

Structuring Coalitions for Success

June 14, 2016

12:30p.m. - 1:00p.m.

[Register Now!](#)

[I can't make it](#)

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NASUAD Friday Updates

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant

FRIDAY UPDATES

NASUAD

May 27, 2016

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From NASUAD

NASUAD wishes everyone a great Memorial Day Weekend!

Registration for the 2016 HCBS Conference is Open!

Join us for the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference held in Washington, DC, August 29 - September 1. The Conference offers a unique blend of policy,



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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 disabilities to inform them of the Medicare Savings Programs that



***Friday Updates Archive**



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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@das.virginia.gov) 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.

Healthy Aging Begins at Home: May 2016 Report

The Bipartisan Policy Center released a May 2016 report, Healthy Aging Begins at Home, as a part of its Senior Health and Housing Task Force. The report examines the intersection between senior health and living at home, as well as noting the significant limitations of appropriate housing for a rapidly expanding senior population. The report offers a number of recommendations, including: additional steps to combat senior homelessness, expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), and better coordinating LTSS services for Medicare beneficiaries that reside in public housing.

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

From the Administration

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Medicaid & CHIP Application,



Eligibility, & Enrollment Data

On Wednesday, May 25, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released their monthly report for March 2016 on Medicaid and CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment data. States provide data to CMS on factors related to key application, eligibility, and enrollment processes using the Medicaid and CHIP Performance Indicator Project. The data is then used to inform CMS on the operations of the programs in each state and to share state performance data publicly.

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

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." Signing 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 Justice

DOJ Seeks Comments on Accessibility of Web Information and Services

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is in the process of potentially 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 DOJ issued a Supplemental Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SANPRM) to solicit comments from the public on these technical requirements on the websites of both state and local governments. All comments must be submitted by **Monday, August 8, 2016**.

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

[Click here](#) to view ADA fact sheets.

From Other Organizations

American Association of People with Disabilities

2016 NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Memorial Scholarships Available

The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) is offering eight NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Media Scholarships thanks to a generous contribution from NBCUniversal. Eligible applicants for this scholarship are "second year associate students, undergraduate sophomores, juniors, and seniors; and graduate students with disabilities with an interest in the entertainment, media, or communications industries." This scholarship was named in honor of Tony Coelho, a former United States Representative from California and the primary author and sponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Scholarship recipients will receive \$5,625 to help with the associated expenses of education at their colleges or universities. All applications must be submitted by **July 1, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. ET**.

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

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 2, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET.**

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

Health Management Associates

Webinar: Trauma Informed Care

Health Management Associates (HMA) is hosting a webinar on Trauma Informed Care: The Benefits of Clinical Integration and Organizational Buy-In. Healthcare organizations are beginning to recognize the benefits of integrating Trauma Informed Care initiatives into clinical protocols and best practices. Trauma Informed Care is an approach that helps providers and staff identify and address adverse experiences in individuals lives. The return on investment is measurable, and



the costs can be minimal with the right type of training, organizational support, and leadership. During this webinar, HMA experts Laurie Lockert, Jeffrey Ring, and Karen Hill will discuss how organizations can best support the transformation to Trauma Informed Care and how these initiatives improve patients outcomes, improve job satisfaction, and reduce costs consistent with the Triple Aim. Speakers for the webinar include: Laurie Lockert, MS, LPC, Senior Consultant; Jeffrey Ring, PhD, Principal; and Karen Hill; PhD, MSN, ANP-C. This webinar is recommended for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and other healthcare practitioners; executives of health systems, physician practices, FQHCs, and other provider organizations; behavioral health and substance use disorder practitioners and organizations; executives of Medicaid managed care plans; and Medicaid directors and staff. The free webinar will take place on **Wednesday, June 8, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

National Committee for Quality Assurance

Webinar: Case Management Accreditation for LTSS

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.

National Council on Aging

Visualization Tool: SSA Letters for MSP/LIS Eligibility

The Social Security Administration (SSA) sends out letters each May to Medicare beneficiaries who are potentially eligible for Part D Low-Income Subsidies (LIS), also known as Extra Help, and the Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs). There are two letters, one that only offers information about MSPs and one that includes information about MSPs and LIS. The National Council on Aging (NCOA) developed a visualization tool that shows where MSP only letters were mailed, and where MSP and LIS letters were mailed.

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

[Click here](#) to view the letter regards LIS and MSPs.

[Click here](#) to view the visualization tool.

United Healthcare Community & State

White Paper: MLTSS Programs

This week at the Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging and Disability and MLTSS Symposium hosted by NASUAD in Des Moines, Iowa, UnitedHealthcare Community & State released a White Paper unveiling a proposed quality framework for MLTSS



programs. The framework, developed by UnitedHealthcare's National Advisory Board, extends beyond traditional clinical measures to measure the quality of the "services and supports" delivered in MTLSS, which is often most important for those accessing MLTSS benefits. The measures are person-centered, outcomes-focused, and adoptable in any Medicaid program in which LTSS services are in a managed care delivery system. The White Paper calls consumers, advocates, and policymakers to action to implement consistent quality frameworks for MLTSS across the country to improve the ability to measure the quality of MLTSS programs both over time and across states, which cannot be done today.

Martha Roherty, Executive Director of NASUAD is a member of the National Advisory Board and was instrumental in the development of both the framework and the White Paper.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, you can send an email [here](#).

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

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

TMG Seeks Self-Directed Personal Care Contractor for IRIS Program

TMG is the IRIS Consultant Agency (ICA) and Self-Directed Personal Care contractor for Wisconsin's IRIS program. IRIS is a long-term support program where eligible individuals self-direct their publicly funded, community based long-term care services. TMG is seeking a full-time IRIS Consultant who lives in Winnebago County. TMG's IRIS Consultants (ICs) are home-based employees who partner with individuals enrolled in the IRIS program to identify their long-term care goals and find creative ways to achieve them. All applications must be submitted by **Friday, June 3, 2016.**

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

Funding Opportunities

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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Comments Needed: Accessibility of Web Information and Services of State and Local Government Entities, ADA Title II



UPDATES



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, click [here](#).

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Young Adults Share their Perspectives on Homelessness



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Transition-aged youth (18-24) who are experiencing homelessness have needs that can't always be met in traditional shelter and service models. To better inform this area of our homelessness prevention work, TAC staff recently met with clients in a program designed specifically for young adults. Participants were invited to create their own linoleum-block portraits, and to share their thoughts on home, homelessness, and what has helped them most.



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Announcing: The 2016 NCIL Policy Briefing



NCIL is happy to announce our 11th Annual Policy Briefing Thursday, July 14, 2016; 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Eastern Click [here](#) to register online.

This important presentation will to bring advocates up-to-date on national issues and federal policies that affect people with disabilities and provide participants with question and answer sessions with national leaders to ensure you have in-depth information on the issues you care about most.

The Policy Briefing will ensure that we are fired up and prepared for NCIL's 2016 Day on the Hill! For those of you who will not be at the 2016 Annual Conference on Independent Living, this will provide you with valuable and timely information that you can use in your community. Please share this training announcement far and wide so that our issues reach many people.



This teleconference is free for NCIL Members. There is a \$25.00 registration fee for Non-Members, per call-in site. Fee does not apply per participant in group, provided the group uses the same conference line.

The Policy Briefing will be available via teleconference and CART (captioned) webcast. You must register by 12:00 Noon Eastern on July 14 to participate in the call.

•Materials: This call will address the issues covered in NCIL's Legislative & Advocacy Priorities Booklet (Click [here](#) for PDF or click [here](#) for plain text).

Please contact Tim Fuchs [here](#) with any questions.

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Click [here](#) to view this weeks newsletter, including articles about the following:

- **An Update from the NCIL Housing Subcommittee**
- **Financial Capability Survey for Veterans and their Families**
- **EEOC Issues New Resource Document Addressing Leave & Disability**
- **Alternative Financing Program Discretionary Grant Competition FAQ**

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A National Teleconference - Greyhound Disability Settlement: The Latest on the Greyhound Lawsuit and Claims Process from the DOJ





Thursday, June 2, 2016; 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Eastern

Click [here](#) to register online.

Please join NCIL on Thursday, June 2nd, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. Eastern to hear about the Department of Justice's recent filing of a lawsuit against Greyhound Lines, Inc. and, importantly, the Claims Process that is currently underway to help compensate any person who 1) has a disability 2) traveled or attempted to travel on Greyhound between February 8, 2013, and February 8, 2016, and 3) during that travel or attempted travel experienced disability discrimination. This historic settlement will allow for compensation of all individuals who file valid claims on or before November 10, 2016 and is intended to remedy the nationwide practice of disability discrimination that the United States alleges occurred on Greyhound. DOJ Trial Attorneys Nabina Sinha and Anne Langford will discuss the resolution, the Claims Process, and will be available to answer questions.

Click [here](#) to read more about the settlement.

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Action Alert: Help Us Stop Attacks on the ADA!

Each year we see new versions of 'ADA Notification' bills get introduced in Congress. To this point they have failed to move, but they are continuing to build support. This year alone we've seen three bills introduced, which NCIL's ADA Civil Rights Subcommittee wrote about in last week's WAM (click [here](#) to view). The common thread among all three bills, as well as previous iterations, is that they require people with disabilities to wait even longer to exercise our civil rights. If any of these bills pass, people with disabilities will be the only protected class of individuals required to wait a set amount of time for our rights to be recognized. Twenty-six years after the ADA was passed, this is unacceptable.

This Thursday, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice will be holding a hearing on "Examining Legislation to Promote the Effective Enforcement of the ADA's Public Accommodation Provisions." NCIL's Executive Director, Kelly Buckland, has



been invited to testify. Kelly will be discussing the importance of the ADA and the significant harms that these bills would cause if passed.

In a recent statement by Congressman Ted Poe (R-TX), he said that the intent behind H.R. 3765 is to protect American businesses from “cash-hungry attorneys and plaintiffs” who will “file a lawsuit and make some cash.” This has been the intent behind all of the ADA notification bills we’ve seen, and these efforts are sorely misguided. The problem Congress is trying to fix will not be solved with these bills, because it is not a problem with the ADA. In fact, Title III of the ADA does not authorize damages; any monetary damages for accessibility violations are based on state laws in only a handful of states.

Additionally, H.R. 3765 takes ADA notification bills to a new and even more dangerous level. First, it prohibits people from sending any type of pre-suit notification alleging a violation of section 302 or 303 of the ADA without including a list of specific information, and it makes it a crime to file without meeting these requirements by imposing a criminal fine. Second, the business owner or operator then has 60 days to provide a ‘written description outlining improvements that will be made to remove the barrier,’ and an additional 120 days to ‘remove the barrier or make substantial progress in removing the period.’ Only after that can a civil action be taken.

It is shameful that after 26 years, businesses may be given so much additional time to comply – or even just ‘make substantial progress’ toward complying – with the ADA. Even worse is the possibility of being fined for trying to have our rights enforced!

Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice need to hear from NCIL members around the country about the dangers of this bill. These three bills would create additional barriers to filing a complaint under the ADA, making the law – and our rights – even harder to enforce. Please contact the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice at (202) 225-3951 and tell them why you oppose these bills!

Then send an email to Chairman Franks and Ranking Member Cohen’s staffers. We have drafted a letter (below) for your convenience, and please feel free to change as necessary. Click [here](#) to contact Chairman Franks’ Deputy Chief Counsel, Zachary Somers. Click [here](#) to contact Ranking Member Cohen’s Legislative Director, Matthew Weisman. In light of the hearing on Thursday, please contact them as soon as possible!

Draft letter to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice:

Dear (Member)

I’m writing to you today to express my opposition to H.R. 3765, the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2015. This bill, along with H.R. 241 (the ADA Compliance for Customer Entry to Stores and Services (ACCESS) Act of 2015) and H.R. 4719 (the Correcting Obstructions to Mediate, Prevent, and Limit Inaccessibility (COMPLI) Act) poses significant risks to the people with disabilities and our ability to access our communities.



While the intent behind these bills is to protect American businesses from “cash-hungry attorneys and plaintiffs” who will “file a lawsuit and make some cash,” these efforts are misguided. The problems you are trying to fix will not be solved with these bills, because they are not problems with the ADA. In fact, Title III of the ADA does not authorize damages; any monetary damages for accessibility violations are based on state laws in only a handful of states.

What this legislation would do is make people with disabilities wait even longer to see our rights recognized. If any of these bills turn into law, we would expect to see much less voluntary compliance with the ADA. Twenty-six years after the passage of the ADA, that is unacceptable.

We are also very concerned about the language specific to H.R. 3765 that would impose criminal fines on individuals filing a pre-suit notification that does not meet specific requirements. In no other civil rights legislation is it a crime to file a complaint!

People with disabilities deserve to have the same level of access as people without disabilities. The ADA ensured us the right to equality, and these bills threaten to erode that right.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

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An IL Conversation...Inclusion of Veterans



**CIL-NET Presents...an IL Conversation via Teleconference
Inclusion of Veterans**

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Mark Derry, NCIL Board Member and NCIL/ APRIL Veteran's Subcommittee Co-Chair
and
Sarah Launderville, Executive Director, Vermont Center for Independent Living

June 10, 2016
3:00 - 4:30 PM Eastern

Join us to learn about:

- Veteran Subcommittee (NCIL/ APRIL) CIL recent survey results
- Resources for working with veterans
- Examples of how CILs are including veterans
- Upcoming advocacy work

Join the conversation via our teleconference line 281.404.1544 using PIN 9558554.

For more information, handouts, CART, recording, and transcripts, click [here](#).

To access the print materials on June 10th, and the audio recording and transcript following the teleconference, log on to <http://www.april-rural.org>.

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