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ACL News & Information

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

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

NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

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

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UPDATES

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Funding Opportunities: Building the Business Capacity of Community-Based Aging and Disability Networks for Integrated Services Partnerships

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- [Business Acumen for Disability Organizations](#)
- [Learning Collaboratives for Advanced Business Acumen Skills](#)

Application deadline: July 11, 2016

Conference call to answer questions about the grants:

Monday, June 6, 2016, 2pm ET

[Join the meeting](#)

Meeting Number: 990 363 125

Password: aclwebinar

Audio Connection: 202-774-2300

Access Code: 990 363 125



UPDATES

June 06, 2016

17 Years of Olmstead in Action: Celebrate Community Living by Sharing Your Stories!

Seventeen years ago, the Supreme Court ruled in *Olmstead v. L.C. (Olmstead)* that under the Americans with Disabilities Act, people with disabilities cannot be unnecessarily segregated and must receive services in the most integrated setting possible. The Olmstead decision is at the core of the Administration for Community Living's mission to maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across the lifespan.

To help us celebrate the anniversary of this landmark decision and its profound impact on the lives of people with disabilities and older adults, we want to hear from you!

June 6 through June 24 use social media and the hashtag #OlmsteadAction to share individual stories of transition into the community and/or what your organization does to promote independent and community living for older adults and people with disabilities.

Example Social Media Posts:

Independence Now Inc. staff visit 48 nursing facilities in a bi-county area on a monthly basis to provide outreach and support to all residents who may be interested in transitioning to community living. #OlmsteadAction

Equip for Equality produced a short video, [A Place to Call Home \(2011\)](#) about the personal stories of named plaintiffs in the case *Ligas v. Hamos* and the difficulties they faced in the fight to live in the community and not be forced to live in



institutions because of their disabilities. #OlmsteadAction

At Placer Independent Resource Services, many consumers are older adults. Home modifications can be an important tool for older adults to remain in the community or transition out of a nursing facility. #OlmsteadAction

We look forward to celebrating this landmark anniversary by hearing all the ways Olmstead is in action in **your** communities!

[Click here](#) to explore multimedia resources and learn more about the significance of Olmstead.

DARS Position: Public Guardian Program Coordinator

Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs

The Department for Aging & Rehabilitative Services (DARS) is currently recruiting for the position of Public Guardian Program Coordinator. The program coordinator works in the Division for the Aging, reporting to the Director of Programs for Aging, Kathy Miller.

https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov/applicants/jsp/shared/search/SearchResults_css.jsp

DOL Overtime Regulations

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

Below is general guidance about the DOL Overtime regulation that has been pulled from several sources.

On May 18, 2016, President Obama and Secretary Perez announced the publication of the Department of Labor's final rule updating the overtime regulations, which will automatically extend overtime pay protections to over 4 million workers within the first year of implementation. More information about the DOL Overtime rule can be found at: <https://www.dol.gov/whd/overtime/final2016/>

DOL released the final regulation implementing changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act's overtime requirements. The rule becomes effective December 1, 2016 and will raise this threshold from \$23,660 to \$47,476 per year for salaried



workers. Individuals making less than this threshold would be eligible for overtime pay, regardless of whether they perform executive, administrative, or professional duties. Hourly/non-salaried workers are generally guaranteed overtime pay regardless of their earnings level. DOL also includes a provision to automatically update this threshold every three years.

In a companion document, DOL released a provision that includes a time-limited nonenforcement of these new polices for a limited subset of Medicaid providers. Under this nonenforcement policy, DOL will not enforce the new threshold 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). The policy DOL has issued only applies to Medicaid-funded services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in homes or facilities with 15 or fewer beds. There is no mention of Medicaid-funded services for older adults, people with physical disabilities, individuals with behavioral health conditions, or persons with traumatic brain injuries in the nonenforcement policy. Additionally, the nonenforcement policy does not appear to apply to state-funded programs or to services provided under other Federal programs. A fact sheet is available at

<https://www.dol.gov/whd/overtime/final2016/nonenforcement-faq.htm>

You can view the final rule here: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2016-11754.pdf>

You can view the policy on nonenforcement here:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2016-11753.pdf>

On-Call Time

With regard to on call status, DOL offers this FAQ.

An employee who is required to remain on call on the employer's premises or so close to the premises that the employee cannot use the time effectively for his or her own purpose is considered working while on-call. An employee who is required to carry a cell phone, or a beeper, or who is allowed to leave a message where he or she can be reached is not working (in most cases) while on-call. Additional constraints on the employee's freedom could require this time to be compensated. [See Regulations 29 CFR 785.17.](#)



Example: An assisted living facility has four LPN wellness coordinators who are paid hourly. They rotate being on-call each week. They are required to carry a cell phone and be within 45 minutes of the facility when they are on-call. They are not paid for all time spent carrying the cell phone but are paid for time spent responding to calls and time when they have returned to work at the assisted living facility. Does this comply with the FLSA? Yes.

Webinar: Times of Transformation: The Changing LTSS Environment for the Aging and Disability Networks

Katie Roeper, Assistant Commissioner

The Administration on Community Living (ACL) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are hosting a webinar about new efforts to integrate care for people with Medicare and Medicaid, and how aging and disability organizations can participate. This session will highlight the trends, opportunities and challenges facing community-based organizations as they work to help older adults and people with disabilities live successfully at home and in the community. The free webinar will take place on **Wednesday, June 29, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Alzheimer's and Dementia Programs

Devin Bowers, Dementia Services Coordinator

Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Relief Grant Program

Hilarity for Charity and the Home Instead Senior Care network are collaborating to award [home care grants](#) to those providing care to their loved ones living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. The grants will be awarded across the United States and Canada, and are meant to contribute to the provision of exceptional home care to families affected by this disease, and to give these families support and rest.

Seed Grants Available for the Start-up of Dementia Day Programs

The Brookdale Foundation Group has issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the start-up of new social model Group Respite or Early Memory Loss (EML)



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programs for people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. In October 2016, The Foundation will be awarding up to 15 seed grants for the development of dementia-specific Group Respite programs or specialized programs for people with EML. The grants are \$10,000 for the first year with an opportunity for a second tier grant of \$5,000. Any 501(c)(3) or equivalent not-for-profit service agency wishing to develop a social model day program for Alzheimer's families is invited to apply. Proposals are due at The Brookdale Foundation Group office in New Jersey on Thursday, July 7, 2016. More information can be obtained by visiting www.brookdalefoundation.org.

VTrans Public Webinar

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations



SAVE THE DATE! **VTrans** 2040
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**VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan (VMTP)
Informational Webinar**

You are invited to attend an Informational Webinar held by the Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning & Investment (OIPI), to take a behind-the-scenes look at the ongoing process, interim findings, and next steps for the development of VTrans 2040.



TUESDAY, JUNE 21 - 1:00-2:00 p.m.

[Register Now](#)



We request that you register for the webinar at the above link.

During the webinar, OIPI will be presenting new details on the accomplishments thus far in the VTrans 2040 process, including current work on the VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan.

The primary activities that will be summarized during the webinar are:

- *Consolidation of transportation needs across the Commonwealth,*
 - *Gaining regional and local input on priority needs,*
 - *Decisions on priority needs, and*
- *Development of recommendations that will guide multimodal transportation decision-making over the next decade.*

The webinar will include a 30-minute presentation and up to a 30-minute question and answer period.

We request that you submit questions prior to the webinar directly to Kelli Nash (Jacklyn.Nash@governor.virginia.gov) with the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment and David Jackson (djackson@camsys.com). We will address as many questions during the webinar as possible, and will work directly with you following the webinar to address additional questions and comments.

Find out more about VTrans2040 and the VMTP at
<http://vtrans.org/vtrans2040.asp>

HCBS Conference Registration Now Open!

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant



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HCBS Conference Registration Now Open! Register Today!



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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 IADD to CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, Office of Developmental Disabilities, and other federal agencies.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the conference and register!

Sponsorship Opportunities

Gain visibility at the premier event for professionals who work in the field of home and community-based services. The exhibit hall is a major attraction where our participants come to learn about products and services and to network with industry leaders. Exhibiting will give you access key influencers and leaders working to improve HCBS programs throughout the country. [Click here](#) to learn more about sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities.

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Altarum Institute Article: Improving Access to Health Care Information for Lower-Income Patients

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Just Posted

Today on the Altarum Health Policy Forum

Improving Access to Health Care Information for Lower-Income Patients

By Chris Duke & Christine Stanik, Altarum Institute

Today's post is meant to answer the six "Ws" about the process lower-income individuals engage in when seeking health information. We believe this step is an



essential element in creating health care solutions that speak to the most acute challenges people are facing...[Read Full Post](#)

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NASUAD Friday Updates

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant



June 3, 2016

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<u>*NASUAD: Registration for the 2016 HCBS Conference is Open!</u>	On May 24th, at the spring membership meeting, NASUAD released the association's 2016 policy priorities. The priorities document outlines issues and recommendations regarding a wide range of health and human services programs important to older adults and people with disabilities. These include issues such as:
<u>*NASUAD: I&R Center Webinar: America's Health</u>	



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*NASUAD: State Associations
Submit Letter to DOL

*NASUAD: Media Campaign to
Spread the Word About
Medicare Extra Help Programs

*CMS: Updated SSI and
Spousal Impoverishment
Standards

*CMS: Medicaid Benefits
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Detection and Response to Zika

*Allsup: Webinar: Mental
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with Chronic Illness and
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*AAN: 2016 Academy Policy
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Scholarships Available

*GSA: World Congress of
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for Abstracts

*NADRC: Webinar: Preparing a
Dementia Capable Workforce

*NFESH: State of Senior
Hunger in America 2014

*UHS: MLTSS: A Proposed
Framework

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for Integrated Services

- Implementation of the Older Americans Act reauthorization;
- Medicaid LTSS innovations;
- Support for caregivers; and
- Employment for people with disabilities.

To read the full policy priorities, [click here](#).

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[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



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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.

State Associations Submit Letter to DOL Outlining Concerns with FLSA Non- enforcement Policy

On Friday, June 3rd, the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, the National Association of Medicaid Directors, the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services, and the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors sent a letter to Department of Labor Secretary Tom Perez outlining concerns with the Fair Labor Standards Act "white collar" exemptions final rule (RIN 1235-AA11). The primary concern is regarding inequities that manifest from the non-enforcement policy that DOL announced at 29 CFR Part 541 on May 18, 2016. In the letter, the associations outline the unintended and adverse consequences arising from the DOL rule and the non-enforcement policy. The letter requests several actions from DOL in order to mitigate the negative outcomes of this regulation, including:

- Expanding the non-enforcement policy to cover all government-funded HCBS services;
- Delaying the effective date for all Medicaid services until after the end of the next state legislative session; and
- Providing support for HCBS providers against the threat of litigation or other private action.

To read the full letter, please [click here](#).

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 are available for people with low-income backgrounds. We are hoping that organizations might utilize these tools. Please see



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the document below, which provides great shortcuts and helpful resources to help you participate in this campaign. Please email [Linda Nakagawa](#) if you have any comments or questions.

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

From the Administration

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Updated Supplemental Security Income and Spousal Impoverishment Standards

On Tuesday, May 31, the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) released an informational bulletin with the updated 2016 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Spousal Impoverishment Standards. Section 1924 of the Social Security Act requires that the Community Spouse's Minimum Monthly Maintenance Allowance (MMMNA) is adjusted according to changes in the federal poverty level effective July 1st each year. The Community Spouse Monthly Housing Allowance is calculated based on a percentage of MMMNA and determines the excess shelter allowance for July 1st as well. The bulletin includes the revised 2016 SSI and Spousal Impoverishment Standards chart with the updated MMNA and Community Spouse Monthly Housing Allowances.

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

Medicaid Benefits Available for Prevention, Detection and Response to Zika Virus

The Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) published a bulletin on Wednesday, July 1, 2016 to inform Medicaid agencies and interested stakeholders about how Medicaid services and authorities can help states and territories prevent, detect, and respond to the Zika virus. The Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit provides



coverage of all medically necessary services for beneficiaries under the age of 21 as described in section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act. This includes long-term services and supports (LTSS) for children born with microcephaly or other Zika-related disabilities as well as long-term rehabilitative care for individuals recovering from Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) who may require nursing home services or home and community-based long-term services and supports (CB-LTSS). Medicaid offers many options for coverage of these services, which can also be used to support children living at home, and states have flexibility in designing these services.

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

From Other Organizations

Allsup

Webinar: Mental Health for Individuals Living with Chronic Illness and Disabilities

Allsup is sponsoring a webinar for individuals living with chronic illness and disabilities. The event, "True Help Claiming Power to Improve Your Mental Health", is designed to help individuals connect with peers and experts in mental health, chronic illness and employment. Presenters from the Lupus Foundation of America, the EDI Institute, MoodNetwork and Allsup Employment Services, Inc. will share tools, resources and programs that can enhance mental wellness and quality of life. This free event will take place on **Thursday, June 16, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

American Academy of Nursing

2016 Academy Policy Conference: Call for Abstracts

The American Academy of Nursing issued a call for abstracts for



their 2016 Policy Conference. The 2016 Policy Conference will focus on issues surrounding HealthCare Economics and is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016 to Saturday, October 22, 2016 in Washington, DC. Abstracts should demonstrate nursing contributions to health policy through translational science from efficacy to effectiveness studies, implementation and dissemination studies, comparative effectiveness research, or historical and health policy research. Quality improvement projects that inform organizational policy and systems of care are also welcomed, as are evidence-based practice projects. Submissions are due by **11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, June 24, 2016.**

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

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.

Gerontological Society of America

2017 World Congress of Gerontology & Geriatrics: Call for Abstracts



The Gerontological Society of America is hosting the 2017 World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics and has issued a call for abstracts. The conference is scheduled for July 23, 2017 through July 27, 2017 in San Francisco, California. Over 6,000 thought leaders, industry pioneers, scientists, researchers, and innovators from across multiple disciplines in the field of aging are expected to attend. The event is convened every four years, and the last time it was hosted in the United States was 32 years ago. This is a unique opportunity for presenters to share their work with a large national and international audience of experts in aging. Submissions are due by **Friday, July 15, 2016**.

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

National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

Webinar: Preparing a Dementia Capable Workforce

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) is hosting the webinar "Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program: Preparing a Dementia Capable Workforce". Participants will learn about HRSA's efforts to develop a dementia capable workforce by 1) identifying ways for efficient dementia case finding; 2) learning about lifestyle interventions for persons living with dementia; 3) developing effective communication strategies across all levels of care; and 4) learning about interprofessional health care teams that include community service partners. Directors from the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Programs in St. Louis and Illinois will present at this webinar that is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 22, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to register.

National Foundation to End Senior Hunger

State of Senior Hunger in America



2014: Annual Report

On Wednesday, June 1, 2016, the National Foundation to End Senior Hunger (NFESH) released a study that revealed for the first time over 10 million seniors face the threat of hunger. The analysis is based on the Core Food Security Module (CFSM) in the Current Population Survey (CPS), which is the same module used by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish the official food insecurity rates. The threat of hunger is defined as marginally food insecure or at least one affirmative answer on the CFSM. From 2001 to 2014, the fraction of seniors experiencing the threat of hunger increased by 47%. The number of seniors rose by 119% which also reflects the growing population of seniors. Since the onset of the recession in 2007 until 2014, the number of seniors experiencing the threat of hunger has increased by 65%. Those living in states in the South and Southwest, those who are racial or ethnic minorities, those with lower incomes, and those who are ages 60-69 were most likely to be threatened by hunger. The report also includes the percentages of food insecurity/threat of hunger for each state.

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

United Healthcare Community & State

White Paper: MLTSS Programs

Last 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 MLTSS, 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 MLTSS 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](#).

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for contracting with integrated care entities, and prepare state agencies and CBOs to be active stakeholders and partners in the development and implementation of integrated care systems.

The Learning Collaboratives for Advanced Business Acumen Skills initiative is intended to achieve the following tasks: organize and conduct three to five topically-based action learning collaboratives to address issues such as continuous quality improvement, infrastructure and technology, generating and maintaining volume, data pooling, and more; provide targeted technical assistance to networks of CBOs; and create knowledge and capture insights through these collaboratives to incorporate into future curriculum for national dissemination.

The purpose of the Business Acumen for Disability Organizations initiative is to develop baseline knowledge about the content and infrastructure needs of CBOs through surveys and feasibility studies; and utilize a learning collaborative model to provide targeted technical assistance to up to 15 state coalitions of CBOs that seek to build their business capacity to contract with health care entities (e.g. hospitals, health systems, accountable care organizations, managed/integrated care plans).

Applications for both opportunities are due by **11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, July 11, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to view the Learning Collaboratives for Advanced Business Acumen Skills posting.

[Click here](#) to view the Business Acumen for Disability Organizations posting.

Partnerships in Employment Systems Change

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) released the Partnerships in Employment Systems Change grant. The purpose of the funding opportunity is to encourage state partnerships and systems change efforts that will contribute to the 1) the development of policies that support competitive employment in integrated settings as the first and desired outcome for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities including intellectual disabilities; 2) the removal of systemic barriers to competitive employment in integrated settings; 3) the implementation of strategies and best practices



that improve employment outcomes for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and 4) enhanced statewide collaborations that can facilitate the transition process from secondary to post-secondary school, or other pre-vocational settings, to complete employment in integrated settings. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, public and private institutions of higher education, independent school districts, nonprofit organizations, and public housing authorities. All applications are due by **11:59 p.m. ET on Tuesday, July 26, 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.

All requirements stated in the Request for Applications must be



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met in order for an application to be considered. Applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, June 3, 2016.**

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An IL Conversation...Inclusion of Veterans



Inclusion of Veterans

CIL-NET Presents

an IL Conversation *Inclusion of Veterans* via Teleconference

Presented by

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.

Click [here](#) to access the handouts, recording and print materials on June 10th, and the audio recording and transcript following the teleconference.

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NCIL Statement on Opioids, Chronic Pain, and the Pharmaceutical Industry



The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) applauds the efforts of Congress and the Administration to address the rising rates of opioid addiction and overdose in this country. The rate of opioid abuse quadrupled from 1999 to 2014, and data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found opioids to be involved in a record 28,647 deaths in 2014. This is an extremely important public health issue and we are very pleased to see it being addressed.

We hope that the major role the pharmaceutical industry has played in the rise of opioid addiction and overdoses will no longer go ignored. Opioid addiction and chronic pain are both significant problems that impact the lives of many Americans. We applaud the actions that Congress and the Administration have taken thus far, and we urge them to consider the needs of both those living with opioid addiction and those living with chronic pain in future policy decisions. We also urge Congress and the Administration to carefully consider the pharmaceutical industry's role in these issues, and to hold the industry fully accountable for the harm they've caused.

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Alert: VHA and NLIHC release 2016 Out of Reach Report! Updated With Correct Links



Each year, the Virginia Housing Alliance and the National Low Income Housing Coalition jointly release *Out of Reach* (click [here](#) to view) which reports on the Housing Wage for all states, counties, and metropolitan areas in the country. The



report highlights the gap between what renters earn and what it costs to afford rent at fair market value. According to 2016 Out of Reach, Virginia remains the most expensive state for renters in the Southeast and the 10th most expensive state in the nation. The Housing Wage increased from \$21.10 in 2015 to \$22.44 in 2016. In no state, even those where the minimum wage has been set above the federal standard, can a minimum wage renter working a 40 hour work week afford a one-bedroom rental unit at the Fair Market Rent. Working at the minimum wage of \$7.25 in Virginia, a family must have 3.1 wage earners working full- time, or one full- time earner working 116 hours per week, to afford a modest two- bedroom apartment. Click [here](#) to view more information.

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The Arc State Convention

The Arc
Virginia

2016 State Convention
August 8th – 10th
Colonial Williamsburg Lodge
310 South England Street, Williamsburg VA 23185

Inspiring Revolutionary Ideas

Sessions on Waiver redesign, early intervention, inclusive education, employment, self-advocacy, navigating the service system, and other special topics.

www.thearcofva.org for more information and to register



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APSC Conference (June 6, 2016)



We have a great conference for you!
Engaging the Brain: Aging with Lifelong Disabilities
presented by
The Area Planning and Services Committee (APSC) on Aging with Lifelong
Disabilities.

When: June 6, 2016
Where: Double Tree by Hilton (Formerly the Holiday Inn)
1021 Koger Center Blvd, Richmond, VA 23235

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