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

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Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

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

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Coverage to Care Webinar: Help Your Community Make the Most of Health Care

Register for the [From Coverage to Care](#) (C2C) Partner Webinar, hosted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health on **June 16, 2016, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. ET.**

This event is an opportunity to learn more about C2C, an initiative developed to help individuals and caregivers better understand their benefits and how to connect to primary care and preventive services.

Join the conversation to provide input and learn from community partners on how your organization can get involved to help people in your community make the most of their health coverage.

[Register for the webinar today!](#)



UPDATES

Webinar: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program, Preparing a Dementia Capable Workforce

Wednesday, June 22, 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET

Join the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center for a webinar on June 22 to learn about HRSA's efforts to develop a dementia capable workforce.



The webinar will cover:

- identifying ways for efficient dementia case finding,
- learning about lifestyle interventions for persons living with dementia,
- developing effective communication strategies across all levels of care, and
- learning about interprofessional health care teams that include community service partners

[Learn more and register for this webinar.](#)



[Times of Transformation Web Seminar: The Changing LTSS Environment for the Aging and Disability Networks](#)

Wednesday, June 29, 1pm ET/10am PT

Health and long-term services and supports (LTSS) systems are changing quickly, as are the roles of community-based organizations in those systems. Join ACL and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to learn about new efforts to integrate care for people with Medicare and Medicaid, and how aging and disability organizations can participate.

This web seminar will highlight the trends, opportunities and challenges facing community-based organizations working to help older adults and people with disabilities live successfully at home and in the community.

The web series will feature presentations by:

- **Kathy Greenlee**, Assistant Secretary for Aging and Administrator, ACL
- **Tim Engelhardt**, Director, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office, CMS
- **Sandy Markwood**, Chief Executive Officer, National



Association of Area Agencies on Agings (n4a)

[Learn More and Register](#)

This web seminar is part of the National Aging and Disability Business Center Series – a collaboration of [n4a](#) and [ASA](#).

Updated Call Date and Application Deadline - Funding Opportunities: Building the Business Capacity of Community-Based Aging and Disability Networks for Integrated Services Partnerships

ACL recently announced two new funding opportunities that seek to expand the readiness of community-based aging and disability organizations (CBO) for contracting with integrated care entities, and prepare state and community-based aging and disability organizations to be active stakeholders and partners in the development and implementation of integrated care systems. To accomplish this, ACL intends to fund two separate awards:

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

Updated application deadline: July 28, 2016

New date for Conference call to answer questions about the grants:

Thursday, June 16, 2016, 2pm ET

[Join the meeting](#)

Meeting Number: 665 838 458

Password: aclwebinar

Audio Connection: 1-888-455-9312

Access Code: 5150057#

FEMA Notice on 2016 Hurricane Season
Chip Stratton, WWRC, DARS

The following information is provided for your benefit and may be shared with others. For additional information, please visit [Ready Virginia](#).



Chip Stratton

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FEMA Encourages Preparedness for the 2016 Hurricane Season

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center seasonal outlook for 2016, released last week, states the season will most likely be near-normal, but uncertainty about the formation of Atlantic storms makes predicting this season particularly difficult. The full release is linked at www.noaa.gov/near-normal-atlantic-hurricane-season-most-likely-year.

The effects of hurricanes can stretch far beyond just coastal areas, impacting communities hundreds of miles inland. When a hurricane hits, it can bring high winds, heavy rainfall, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents, and even tornadoes. Storm surge produced by hurricanes poses the greatest threat to life and property along the coast. Taking action now, in advance of a storm, can save lives and enables families and communities to recover more quickly should disaster strike.

“The United States has not had a significant impact from a hurricane or tropical storm since Hurricane Sandy struck in 2012,” said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. “But luck isn’t a strategy when it comes to being ready. If you live in a potentially affected state, you are at risk for storm surge, extreme winds and flooding during a hurricane. Now is the time for you to learn your evacuation routes and develop a hurricane evacuation plan. Prepare now and enjoy the summer with confidence that if a storm threatens you’ll be ready.”

To prepare for these powerful storms, FEMA is encouraging families, businesses, and individuals to take the following steps to prepare:

- **Know Your Risk:** Residents should learn what [types of natural disasters are common in their state](#). [NOAA’s historical hurricane tracks tool](#) provides information on the severity and frequency of past hurricanes.
- **Know your evacuation zone:** Evacuation zones are areas that may be impacted by hurricane flooding. Many communities have designated evacuation zones and routes to get citizens to safety. This information can often be found on the websites of state, county, or town emergency management offices. If a hurricane threatens a community and local officials say it's time to evacuate, residents should evacuate immediately. Do not wait



for the next forecast.

- **Download the FEMA app:** The FEMA app contains important information on what to do before, during, and after a hurricane. The app also allows users to receive weather alerts from NOAA's National Weather Service, lifesaving safety tips, and provides access to disaster resources should survivors need them. The app is available in the [Apple App store](#) or the [Google Play store](#). The FEMA app is also [available in Spanish](#).
- **Make a plan, build a kit and practice what to do:** When a hurricane hits, communications systems can go out, transportation can be limited, and it could be days before emergency responders are able to reach communities that need help. FEMA encourages residents in potentially affected states to do the following:
 - [Make a Family Communication Plan:](#) Family members should discuss how they contact one another in an emergency and check in with each other from different locations. Families should plan how to care for children or members with access and functional needs, and learn how to get in touch if cell phone, internet, or landlines don't work. Be sure to practice your plan so everyone will know what to do in the event of an emergency.
 - [Emergency Supply Kit:](#) A 'go kit' is a bag that contains basic items families may need, during an emergency. Kits should contain non-perishable food, water, and other supplies, such as flashlights, local maps, and a battery-powered radio, to last you and your family for at least 72 hours. [Ready.gov](#) contains a complete list of items.
 - [Pets:](#) Many local shelters do not permit pets, but laws require them to accept service animals. Families should have a plan for pets should they need to evacuate.

While much attention is often given to the Atlantic Hurricane Season, there are tropical systems that can affect many other areas around the nation. To learn more about hurricane seasons in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, visit www.hurricanes.gov. To learn more on how to prepare before, during, and after a hurricane, visit www.ready.gov.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

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FEMA

NASUAD Friday Update

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NASUAD

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[NASUAD and HSRI Release NCI-AD Report and Launch New Website](#)

On Thursday, June 9, 2016, the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) in collaboration with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) released the results from a six-state deployment of the National Core Indicators - Aging and Disabilities (NCI-AD™) adult consumer survey. While 13 states are participating in the NCI-AD survey in 2016, six of the states - Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey, and North Carolina - opted for a rapid-cycle survey period in order to receive their results more quickly. A report with data from all 13 states - including Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas - will be released in winter 2017.



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The NCI-AD project's primary aim is to collect and maintain valid and reliable data that give states a broad view of how their publicly-funded long term services and supports (LTSS) impact the quality of life and outcomes of service participants. NCI-AD brings an important value proposition to the field of aging and disability services through development of indicators and outcomes that assess quality of life, community integration, and person-centered services. The project will help to address long-recognized gaps in assessing outcomes in long term services and supports (LTSS) service systems that go beyond measures of health and safety to address important social, community, and person-centered goals as well as quality of life.

"Our members have been searching for a tool like this for a long time," said Martha Roherty, NASUAD Executive Director. "We commend them for taking the initiative to measure and improve the quality of life of seniors and adults with physical disabilities they serve across their LTSS system.

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

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

NASUAD and HSRI also launched a new website dedicated to the NCI-AD project. NCI-AD.org is a repository of information, reports and data about the NCI-AD project, and includes profiles of each participating state, overview materials and published reports. As state data is finalized, they will be published on the site as well.

Contact NASUAD NCI-AD Project Director, [Kelsey Walter](#), for more information.

**NASUAD Publishes Updated State Medicaid
Integration Tracker**

NASUAD has published the June 2016 Edition of the



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Check out NASUAD iQ!

State Medicaid Integration Tracker. The State Medicaid Integration Tracker is a monthly report summarizing state actions in Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS), as well as State Demonstrations to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals and other Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Initiatives.

The Tracker also includes updates on state participation in other LTSS activities, including: the Balancing Incentive Program; Medicaid State Plan Amendments under 1915(i); Community First Choice Option under 1915(k); and Medicaid Health Homes. This tracker includes new updates for each state that occurred during the most recent month

[Click here](#) to view this month's Tracker.

[Click here](#) for comprehensive information on each state, as well as archived versions of the Tracker.

[Click here](#) to sign up for Tracker alerts.

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, 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



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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.

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.

How Can States Support an Aging Population? Actions Policymakers Can Take

On Wednesday, June 8, 2016, the Milbank Memorial Fund published a new report that focuses on challenges and policy recommendations for states as they work to support an aging population. The report reviews topics discussed at the Milbank Memorial Fund's Reforming States Group and the New York Academy of Medicine's fall 2015 meetings. The sessions were attended by state policymakers and covered an overview of issues in aging, including the socio-demographic composition of the population, the World Health Organization's framework for active-aging and age-friendly communities, and the financial security of older Americans. Suggestions for policy initiatives that emerged from discussions at the meetings are included in the report and are intended to provide a framework for state policymakers to identify potential areas for action.

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

From the Administration



Office of Inspector General

Performance Data for the Senior Medicare Patrol Projects

On Friday, June 3, 2016, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) released a report presenting performance data on the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) projects for 2015. The SMP projects receive grants from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to recruit and train retired professionals and other senior citizens to recognize and report instances or patterns of health care fraud. In 2015, results attributable to their efforts included \$2.5 million in expected Medicare recoveries and total savings to beneficiaries and others of \$35,059. OIG emphasized that the projects may not be receiving full credit for recoveries, savings, and cost avoidance attributable to their work. It is not always possible to track referrals to Medicare contractors or law enforcement from beneficiaries who have learned to detect fraud, waste, and abuse from the projects. In addition, the projects are unable to track the potentially substantial savings derived from a sentinel effect, whereby Medicare beneficiaries' scrutiny of their bills reduce fraud and errors.

There is one SMP project in each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 2015, funding for the projects totaled \$17.6 million- \$8.9 million from ACL's Older Americans Act funding, and \$8.7 million in Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program (HCFAC) funding. In 2015, the 54 projects had the following results:

- \$2.5 million in expected Medicare recoveries that were attributable to the projects, a 282-percent increase from 2014.
- No expected Medicaid recoveries.



- \$35,059 in total savings to beneficiaries and others, a 56-percent decrease from 2014.
- \$21,533 in cost avoidance on behalf of Medicare, Medicaid, beneficiaries, and others, an 89-percent decrease from 2014.

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

White House Council on Women and Girls

United State of Women

The White House Council on Women and Girls, together with the Department of State, the Department of Labor, the Aspen Institute and Civic Nation, is convening the first United State of Women Summit. The large-scale effort will rally together advocates of gender equality to highlight what women have achieved, identify the challenges that remain, and chart the course for addressing them. Experts, advocates, and grassroots and business leaders who work in both domestic and international arenas will gather to highlight key issues affecting women and girls and best practices to use in the future. The event's sessions are built around six pillars: economic empowerment, health and wellness, educational opportunity, violence against women, entrepreneurship and innovation, and leadership and civic engagement. Health and wellness topics include the Affordable Care Act (ACA) coverage expansion, improving healthcare delivery, providing preventive services without cost-sharing, and global health. The council is encouraging others to spread the word by sharing the Summit's video and by making an online pledge of how you will help change tomorrow. Live stream the event on **Tuesday, June 14, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view information.

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 Media 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 Innovations: Oral Health Integration in Statewide Delivery System and Payment Reform

The Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) is hosting a webinar along with the Washington Dental Service Foundation that will explore the range of approaches to oral health integration that states are considering in the areas of 1) Medicaid benefit design and expansion; 2) practice-level oral health reforms; and 3) statewide delivery reform models. State policymakers, health and oral health plans, providers, advocacy organizations, and others interested in improving adult oral health care access and outcomes are encouraged to attend. The webinar will cover creative strategies that are being tested for



integrating dental care into primary care delivery. The development of primary care integration models in Virginia and the incorporation of oral health in Oregon's coordinated care will be featured. The webinar will be hosted on **Wednesday, June 22, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 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 Core Indicators™

Working in the Community: Status and Outcomes of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Integrated Employment

The National Core Indicators (NCI™) released a Special Issue Data Brief that describes the employment status of individuals supported by state intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) agencies. The report also compares participating states in terms of proportions of service recipients in different types of community employment. Improving the level of participation of people with IDD in integrated employment and the quality of employment outcomes in terms of choice of job, individual or group supports, rate of pay and type of work is a growing priority for states. The data presented in the brief illustrate the variation across states and the challenges that confront policymakers in their efforts to increase the numbers of people with IDD working in integrated community settings. The data frames the following priorities for current and future service design and delivery: development of Employment First initiatives, planning for wrap-around supports, prioritizing individual jobs over



group supported employment, and supporting career goals.

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

National Legal Resource Center

Webinar: Financial Frauds and Scams Against Elders: Government Responses and Resources

The National Legal Resource Center (NLRC) announced an upcoming webinar that focuses on financial exploitation of older adults as part of the National Elder Rights Training Project series. Additional sponsorship for the event is provided by a grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL). The session will examine the fraud and scams aimed at elders, the traits that make elders vulnerable, and state and local government responses. This webinar will also discuss the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) recent Advisory and Recommendations to financial institutions on preventing and responding to financial exploitation, as well as other CFPB resources available to attorneys, advocates and service providers. The webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 15, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

Pathways RTC

Webinar: How Effective are Transition Programs for Youth and Young Adults

The Research and Training Center for Pathways to Positive Futures (Pathways RTC), funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), is hosting a webinar to discuss results of the Healthy Transition Initiative (HTI), which is also supported by the



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). HTI explored the most effective ways to deliver transition oriented services that would result in positive outcomes for young adults (ages 16-25) with serious mental health challenges. The webinar will report on an analysis of National Outcome Measure (NOMs) data about individual HTI participants and their outcomes. Data from seven grantees, 19 local communities, and over 1500 young people are included in the analysis. In addition to a multi-faceted description of the personal situation of the participants at baseline, the presentation will explore change on three outcomes: social connectedness, mental health symptoms, and daily functioning. This free webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

Events

Second Global Summit on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The National Adult Protective Services Association, the National Center for Victims of Crime, and the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in collaboration with national and international partners are hosting the Second Global Summit on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). International and national leaders will be speaking at the event on the 11th anniversary of WEAAD. The First Global Summit had over 150 national policymakers, advocates, financial services institutions, media, social services organizations and the general public attend, plus 150 additional organizational and individual partners from all over the country. Many more are expected at this year's Second Global Summit. The event will be hosted in Washington, DC on **Thursday, June 16, 2016.**



[Click here](#) to register.

Webinar: Help Your Community Make the Most of Health Care

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

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Jobs & Internships



ACL Seeks Program Manager (functions as the Director, Office of Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services)

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Program Manager who functions as the Director of the Office of Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services. This position is located in the Administration on Aging, in the Office of Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services, located in Washington, DC. The position is dually advertised under both Merit Promotion (open to eligible status candidates) and Competitive Procedures (open to all US Citizens). Candidates should have one year of specialized experience in the Federal service improving the delivery and effectiveness of elder justice, elder rights and/or adult protective services programs and activities or initiatives which included: developing, implementing, and evaluating new methods and procedures for operational improvements to elder justice, elder rights and/or adult protective services programs; planning and assigning work to staff to meet priorities and complete work; using qualitative and quantitative data and analytical tools in order to provide solutions to improve elder justice, elder rights and/or adult protective services and providing guidance on the implications of proposed, new or revised policies, regulations, and legislative proposals. A full list of incumbent duties is included in the job postings. The application closes on **Tuesday, June 21, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view the announcement for merit promotions.

[Click here](#) to view the announcement under competitive procedures.

ACL Seeks Supervisory Aging Services Program Specialist

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is



seeking qualified applicants for the position of Supervisory Aging Services Program Specialist. The position is located in the Administration on Aging, in the Office of Supportive and Caregiver Services, in Washington, DC. The position is dually advertised under both Merit Promotion (open to eligible status candidates) and Competitive Procedures (open to all US Citizens). Candidates should have one year of specialized experience in the Federal service providing expert advice and guidance on the analysis of major policy issues pertaining to existing and proposed initiatives and programs addressing coordination, program oversight, evaluation, research and policy direction related to health policy, particularly public health programs; and managing human resources, financial, budgetary, administrative and operational matters. Some incumbent duties include the administration, management, and assessment of the Older Americans Act (OAA); the development of innovative approaches to expand service and opportunities for older persons; and the initiation and expansion of capacities of home and community-based social services and health care systems for older adults. A full list of incumbent duties is included in the job postings. The application closes on **Tuesday, June 21, 2016**.

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Funding Opportunities

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

The Administration for Community Living (ACL)



announced two new funding opportunities that seek to expand the readiness of community-based aging and disability organizations (CBO) 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).

The original closing date for both applications was Monday, July 11, 2016. ACL published updated announcements this week with a new closing date of **11:59 p.m. ET on Thursday, July 28, 2016 for both applications.**

[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.

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Advocates Protest Disability Snuff Film “Me Before You”



Disability rights advocates in cities across the United States and around the world are protesting the latest Hollywood movie (“Me Before You”) to end with the assisted suicide or euthanasia of the lead disabled character.

Protests have already been held in New York City, Boston and Denver, with more planned throughout opening weekend in Los Angeles, Berkeley, Atlanta, Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities.

“The last big example of this tired theme was Million Dollar Baby, which came out before the major growth of social media but still resulted in protests covered in the New York Times,” said Stephen Drake, research analyst for Not Dead Yet (USA). “We can’t begin to keep track of the people and cities involved this time.”

To view entire article, including information on organizing a protest, click [here](#). Please share this information with your community!

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Last Overcoming NIMBY Sessions of the Season: Fairfax & Richmond



This is your last chance to attend an Overcoming NIMBY training session this season!

We've had some great sessions all over the state this year, and now we're winding the training series down until the winter.



Your last chance to learn about the best community engagement strategy will be at the following locations:

Overcoming NIMBY: Fairfax

When: Wednesday, June 15th from 8AM - 12PM

Where: Fairfax Government Center Building, Conference Rooms 2-3
(12000 Fairfax County Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035)

Cost: \$35 per person

Or

Overcoming NIMBY: Richmond

When: Wednesday, July 27th from 10AM - 12PM

Where: Richmond Association of REALTORS Office
(8975 Three Chopt Rd, Henrico, VA 23229)

Cost \$25 per person

For more information and registration, click [here](#).

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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.

For more information and 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.

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Persistent Disparities Found Through Comprehensive Civil Rights Survey Underscore Need for Continued Focus on Equity, King Says



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Gaps Exist in Discipline, Rigorous Courses – All Seen in Data Available Online for Download for First Time

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) today unveiled new data from the 2013–2014 school year showing gaps that still remain too wide in key areas affecting educational equity and opportunity for students, including incidents of discipline, restraint and seclusion, access to courses and programs that lead to college and career readiness, teacher equity, rates of retention, and access to early learning. Click [here](#) to see the data.

U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. said that, despite significant work from districts across the country, the persistent disparities shown in the new Civil Rights Data Collection – which collected data from all public schools and school districts nationwide for the 2013–14 school year – highlight the need for a continued focus on educational equity, especially in the implementation of the new Every Student Succeeds Act.



“The CRDC data shines a spotlight on the educational opportunities proffered, and denied, to our nation’s sons and daughters in schools every day,” said Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Catherine E. Lhamon. “We urge educators, researchers and the public to join us in using this data to its full potential to support students in realizing theirs.”

For more information, please click [here](#).

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Alert: Governor McAuliffe to Attend Annual Awards Luncheon to Receive the Legislative Award! Reserve Your Seat Today!



The Virginia Housing Alliance is pleased to announce that Governor Terry McAuliffe will attend next week’s Annual Awards Luncheon to receive the 2016 Legislative Leadership Award. Thanks in large part to the Governor’s leadership, the Virginia Housing Trust Fund has continued to receive funding and grow throughout his term. He has been a longtime supporter of the Fund, citing the HTF in his veto message in 2014 saying it was wrong to “construct expensive new facilities in Richmond (at the Capitol) at a time when we can’t find \$10 million to decrease homelessness.” Going into the 2016 General Assembly session, the Governor included \$10 million a year for the Housing Trust Fund which would have more than doubled its current appropriation. The final funding level of \$5.5 million per year for the next two years would not have been possible without the support of the Governor and his administration. This funding will help organizations around the Commonwealth develop more affordable housing and provide services to keep more Virginians out of homelessness, something the Governor has said will produce “a good return on investment for all Virginians.”

For more information, including sponsorship and tickets, please click [here](#)!

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Are You Looking to be Part of the Peer Mentor Program?



SILC Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program

The IL-NET Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program has a pool of experienced SILC Directors from across the country who want to share their experiences and the lessons they have learned as directors with you. You have an opportunity to work with a mentor to complete the goals that you have set for you and your SILC. There are many different ways you can work together including video conferencing, teleconferencing, email, or an in-person two-day site visit. There are scholarships available to make this service free to your SILC.

To access the application and more information, click [here](#).

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June 17 Conference: The Brain & Women's Wellness--CE Opportunity



Women's Health Virginia 19th Annual Conference on Women's Health

It Starts in Her Head The Brain's Crucial Connections to Women's Health

Holiday Inn (University Area) in Charlottesville
Friday, June 17



National and Virginia experts will discuss ground breaking research about the brain and how it impacts women and girls' physical and mental health. The topics will include the BRAIN initiative at NIH and the brain's connection to

- Immunity and the development of diseases
- Migraines and other headaches
- Mood disorders, including depression and anxiety
- Trauma related direct and indirect injury such as concussions and PTSD
- Responses to foods and drugs and related addictions
- The aging brain

Also how understanding about the brain affect prevention, diagnosis and treatment of these conditions.

The conference is approved for continuing education credits for health and education professionals.

The cost of the conference is just \$85, \$45 for students--including materials, lunch, parking and continuing education credits. Click [here](#) to access information about registration, agenda, speakers, recordings from past conferences and other information.

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Breaking: New DOJ report released



The latest Independent Reviewer's report on Virginia's compliance with its 2012 Settlement Agreement with the Department of Justice has been released. The report is available to view [here](#).



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In 2012, the DoJ and the Commonwealth reached an agreement regarding DoJ's findings that Virginia was not providing services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs. These reports are issued semi-annually in December and June.

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