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## VDA WEEKLY E-MAILING

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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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## **Funding Opportunity: Innovations in Accessible Mobility**

*Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs*

The **National Aging and Disability Transportation Center** invites applications for a grant opportunity to support program innovations and approaches that increase accessible transportation options for older adults and people with disabilities living in the community and maximize the utilization of Section 5310 and other federal funding investments.

Eligible applicants include (but are not limited to):

- Public Transit Agencies; Councils of Government
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Tribal agencies (e.g., Title VI Aging Programs and Tribal Transit Agencies)
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Community Action Agencies
- Centers for Independent Living
- ARCs (Intellectual Disability service organizations)
- Other community organizations involved in the administration, delivery, or coordination of public transit, human services transportation, aging, or disability services.

*Application Due Date: August 26, 2016*

For more information, go to the following webpage:

<http://www.nadtc.org/grants-funding/nadtc-grant-opportunities/current-nadtc-funding-opportunities/>

## **Alzheimer's Association Conference on Dementia**

*Devin Bowers, MPH, Dementia Services Coordinator*

Please see the attached brochure with information on the upcoming conference on dementia. This annual event is hosted by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Richmond.

# registration form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Fee:** (includes refreshments at breaks and lunch)

Family Caregiver \_\_\_\_\_ \$35

Professional Caregiver\* \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$85 for CEU's

\* Professional Caregivers pay \$55 each for groups of five or more from same organization

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer a vegetarian meal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing a check payable to **Alzheimer's Association**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment by credit card:

Please charge my: \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ VISA  
\_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ Discover

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV No (3 #s on back of card): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax your registration to (804) 967-2588 or mail it to:**

Caregiver Conference  
Alzheimer's Association Greater Richmond Chapter  
4600 Cox Road, Suite 130  
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

## Questions?

Call (804) 967-2580

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## 2016 Alzheimer's Association Conference on Dementia - The Art of Engagement: Innovative Care Practices for People Living with Dementia

Tuesday, September 13th

The Westin Richmond

6631 W. Broad Street

Richmond, VA 23230

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## sponsors

*Our thanks to our sponsors for their support of this year's Conference on Dementia*

### presenting sponsor



Virginia Geriatric Education Center

*Funding for this program is partially provided by the Bureau of Health Professions (BHP), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Dept of Health and Human Services (DHHS) under Grant No. U1QHP28744 (Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program) to the Virginia Geriatric Education Center.*

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## 2016 Conference on Dementia agenda

- 8 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**  
**8:15 a.m. Welcome**  
Marie Kolendo, Executive Director
- 8:20 a.m. Program Overview**  
Tina Thomas, Director of Programs & Services
- 8:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker**  
The Universe Between Our Ears and the Arts  
Dr. Paul Aravich, EVMS
- 10 a.m. Integrating Technology to Enhance Dementia Care**  
Dr. Victoria Crenshaw and Aisha Azher, MHA  
Westminster Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay
- 11 a.m. Caregiver Tract: Preparing for the Emergency Room Visit**  
Pamela Martin, FNP Program Director, Respecting Choices ACP Facilitator, Bon Secours Richmond Health System, Senior Services Emergency Department
- Professional Tract: End of Life Care Planning – For People with Advanced Dementias**  
Dr. Matt Kastenbaum, Capital Caring Hospice
- Noon Lunch**
- 1 p.m. Caregiver Tract: The Hidden Benefits of Equine Therapy**  
Carol Ivey, MS, International Advanced Equine Instructor at Dream Catchers and Nancy Paschall, Executive Director, Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center
- Professional Tract: Habilitation Therapy**  
Dr. Paul Raia
- 2 p.m. Caregiver Tract: Habilitation Therapy**  
Dr. Paul Raia
- Professional Tract: The Hidden Benefits of Equine Therapy**  
Carol Ivey, MS, International Advanced Equine Instructor at Dream Catchers and Nancy Paschall, Executive Director, Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center
- 3 p.m. Caregiver Tract: Art for the Journey**  
Cynthia Paullin
- Professional Tract: Memories in the Making**  
Alzheimer's Association
- 4 p.m. General Session**  
Becky Watson, MBA, MT-BC
- 5 p.m. Closing Remarks**

## speakers

**Paul F. Aravich, Ph.D.** is a behavioral neuroscientist and Professor of Pathology & Anatomy, Internal Medicine, and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS). He is the former Chair of the Virginia Brain Injury Council and its Ad Hoc Neurobehavioral Committee. He is also Director of the Division of Cognitive Neuroscience in the Department of Neurology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Director of the Johns Hopkins Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. His major research interests are in the area of cognitive change with age, disease-related changes of cognition (with a particular focus on Alzheimer's disease) and the relationship of cognitive change to brain structure and function, as assessed through imaging.

**Paul Raia, Ph.D.** has worked in the fields of gerontology and psychology for twenty-eight years, the past seventeen as Director of Patient Care and Family Support at the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts Chapter. Dr. Raia has developed a systematic approach to dementia care called "Habilitation Therapy", a technique that focuses on the patient's emotions and their remaining capacities.



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**Healthy Aging Symposium to be Held in Richmond**

*Sara Link, No Wrong Door Policy Advisor & Lead Strategist*

Please see the attached brochure on an upcoming symposium sponsored by Brookdale Imperial Plaza and Retreat Doctor's Hospital.



Doctors & Retreat Doctors are campuses of Henrico Doctors' Hospital, Christopher & Johnston-Willis Hospitals are campuses of CWH Medical Center



# RETREAT FOR HEALTHY AGING

## RETREAT FOR HEALTHY AGING: Join us for a free symposium

Expand your knowledge in geriatric treatment & care at our comprehensive, multi-disciplinary senior caregivers symposium.

**Thursday, September 29, 2016**  
**9:00am- 3:00pm**

Brookdale Imperial Plaza  
1717 Bellevue Ave., Richmond, VA 23227

*Lunch provided.*  
*Contact hours pending.*

**To register please call CONSULT-A-NURSE at 320-DOCS (3627).**  
**Please register by September 19, 2016.**

This activity has been submitted to the Virginia Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The Virginia Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.



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## **DARS Independent Living Weekly Newsletter**

*Marcia DuBois, Livable Communities Coordinator*



# INDEPENDENT LIVING Weekly Newsletter

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES DIVISION

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## APRIL Youth Conference Scholarships Available!



Are you or a youth you know trying to make it to the 2016 APRIL Youth Conference on October 21, 2016? Struggling to find all the funding to make it? Contact our Youth Programs Coordinator, Sierra Royster, to see if you can receive a youth scholarship from our Youth Steering Committee! We will be awarding them weekly until September 9th.

Email: [april-sierra@att.net](mailto:april-sierra@att.net) Phone: 919-567-3602

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## Financial Management for CILs Online Course Registration Deadline is August 26!

COURSE DATES: September 12-30, 2016

REGISTRATION: \$100

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 26, 2016

PURPOSE: This three-week course is designed to instruct centers for independent living in the critical importance and "know how" of sound fiscal management. .

COURSE LEVEL: Introductory to Intermediate

TARGET AUDIENCE: CIL executives, financial managers, and other managers, as well as board members. The course may also be of benefit to SILC staff and members.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Through this course you will learn:

- key components of sound fiscal management
- appropriate roles for board and staff financial oversight
- how to develop budgets
- how to understand fiscal reports and use them in effective program management
- how to identify fiscal risk management controls

FORMAT: Participants will read assignments in the online course manual, complete daily exercises, review supplemental materials through the course website, and interact with the instructors and other students in an online discussion forum.



Students will have an opportunity to learn about and share best practices. Students can ask and receive responses to their questions about sound financial management from the instructors and from their peers. Please plan on dedicating one to two hours per day for the class.

INSTRUCTORS: Maria Stepanyan & Paula McElwee

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

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NCIL Opposes H.R. 5902: The Disability Community Act



### **Memo of Opposition to H.R. 5902, the Disability Community Act, which Interferes with the Provision of Community-Based Services in Order to Fund Institutional Settings**

The National Council on Independent Living strongly opposes H.R. 5902, the Disability Community Act. Despite the purpose implied in the name, H.R. 5902 actually interferes with the provision of community-based services which enable people with disabilities to live in the community, while at the same time providing significant Federal funding to institutional providers serving one small segment of the Disability Community – individuals with developmental disability and intellectual disabilities. The Act was created in response to recent changes to the FLSA overtime regulations, which raise the salary threshold for workers who are exempt from the payment of overtime. These regulations impose costs on a wide range of providers including those that provide community-based services as well as operators of institutions. In response to these increased costs, H.R. 5902 increases the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) to 90% for Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) and waivers serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. **H.R. 5902 only addresses the needs of a small segment of the Disability Community – those receiving services from providers that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.** Although the name of H.R. 5902 suggests broad-based support for the entire Disability Community, the legislation only focuses on funding providers that serve a very limited segment of the Disability Community: people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



According to a 2012 Census Bureau report, there are 51.5 million adults with disabilities in the US. The same census data indicates that less than 2.2 million of those individuals have an intellectual disability or other type of developmental disability.

Based on these numbers, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities only account for about 4 percent of the Disability Community, which means that H.R. 5902 fails to address the needs of 96% of the Disability Community.

**H.R. 5902 adds Medicaid funding to a provider base that already receives a disproportionate level of funding based on the size of the population.**

Despite the significant differential in the size of the populations, Medicaid spending for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is comparable to the Medicaid HCBS funds spent serving aged and physically disabled individuals. In 2013, Medicaid spent \$31 billion on HCBS for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities while spending just 14.9% more than that on HCBS for all aged and physically disabled individuals (\$35.7 billion).

Although the aggregate spending suggests there is a disproportionate level of spending on services to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities based on population size, the hourly rates clearly substantiate the issue and illustrate the problem. Even though direct care workers tend to be paid about the same amount in both systems, the intellectual/developmental disability (ID/DD) service providers receive a much higher hourly rate. For example, New York State reported in its Community First Choice State Plan Amendment that ID/DD providers receive between \$38.51/hour and \$39.00/hour for community habilitation services while personal care – the comparable service for aging and physically disabled individuals – is only reimbursed between \$17.41/hour and \$20.21/hour. The differences in rates are based solely on diagnosis – not the level or severity of disability. In fact, individuals with physical disabilities requiring complex ventilator care and other health related tasks like catheterization and tube feeding receive the lowest reimbursement rates (on average \$17.41/hour).



**H.R. 5902 funds Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) that are institutional and other settings that are currently being reviewed for compliance with federal rules to determine whether they are truly community-based.**

The increased federal match in the Act is dedicated to funding Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) which are institutional settings that segregate individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. H.R. 5902 also allocates funds to other waiver-funded settings, however under rules published in 2014 by the Department of Health & Human Services, states have up to five years to ensure that community-based services are provided to people with disabilities in settings which conform to the requirements of the rule. Although funded under HCBS waivers, ID/DD services may be provided in congregate settings (comparable to ICFs) that segregate people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. At this time, it is unclear how many of those HCBS settings will still be considered “community-based” after the five-year review period is completed. Consequently, even the funds allocated for ID/DD HCBS may still be supporting segregation and isolation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Read more [here](#).

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### Final Rules Implementing WIOA Published in the Federal Register

The U.S. Departments of Education and Labor are proud to announce the publication in the Federal Register of the following final rules implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA):

- [WIOA: Joint Rule for Unified and Combined State Plans, Performance Accountability, and the One-Stop System Joint Provisions - Final Rule](#)  
(Effective Date: October 18, 2016)
- [State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program; State Supported Employment Services Program; Limitations on Use of Subminimum Wage - Final Rule](#)  
(Effective Date: September 19, 2016, with the exception of 34 CFR 361.10; 34 CFR 361.23; 34 CFR 361.40; and subparts D, E, and F of part 361, which become effective October 18, 2016)
- [WIOA: Miscellaneous Program Changes - Final Rule](#)  
(Effective Date: September 19, 2016, with the exception that the removal of part 388 becomes effective October 1, 2016)



- [Programs and Activities Authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act \(Title II of WIOA\) - Final Rule](#)  
(Effective Date: September 19, 2016, with the exception of subparts H, I, and J of part 463, which become effective October 18, 2016)
- [WIOA: Department of Labor-Only - Final Rule](#)  
(Effective Date: October 18, 2016)

The final rules, along with several guidance documents, are available at the [RSA WIOA Home Page](#).

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## Register for Free Advocacy Workshop Immediately Following Housing Virginia's Most Vulnerable Conference!



There is still time to register for this year's Housing Virginia's Most Vulnerable Conference!

Click [here](#) to register.

Registration will open on Wednesday, August 24th at 8am. The conference will officially begin at 9 am with a plated breakfast during our opening plenary. So plan to arrive early to sign in and grab your seat!

After breakfast and an opening plenary on criminal justice, we will begin our breakout sessions. The theme for this year's conference is Integration. Sessions will explore the integration of homelessness with other related sectors. Click [here](#) to view a draft agenda of the conference!

We are also excited to announce that the conference will be immediately followed by a free advocacy workshop, from 12:30 to 2:30pm that will include lunch.

This informative and interactive workshop will focus on advocating effectively for housing and homelessness policy initiatives. You will learn the basics- from how Virginia's legislative process works to how to communicate effectively with legislators. By the end of the workshop, you will be excited to create strong relationships with your representatives and ready to advocate for your priorities in your home districts and at the General Assembly! You will also learn about the current legislative priorities of the Virginia Housing Alliance and the supports that VHA can provide you when you are ready to reach out to your state legislators to educate them on the critical work you do in their districts through office visits or project tours.



Separate registration for this advocacy workshop is required. Register [here](#).

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## Submit Comments on APS and Ombudsman Reporting Systems



The public is invited to submit comments on ACL reporting systems collecting data on the Long-term Care Ombudsman and Adult Protective Services (APS) programs.

**National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System:** ACL has working with federal and state administrators, researchers, service providers and others since 2013 to design, develop, and pilot the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS). NAMRS seeks to provide consistent and accurate national data on the exploitation and abuse of older adults and adults with disabilities, as reported to state APS agencies. Click [here](#) to submit comments on the proposed data elements, values, and definitions through September 7.

**National Ombudsman Reporting System:** Since 1995, state Ombudsman programs have used the National Ombudsman Reporting System (NORS) to record their advocacy, education, and complaint-resolution services to individuals in long-term care facilities. ACL is proposing revisions to NORS to improve the reliability of data and the clarity of instructions and definitions. Click [here](#) to submit comments through October 7.

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**Time is Running out! Register Now for Affordable, Accessible, Integrated Housing: Expanding Options for People with Disabilities**



## CIL-NET Presents...A National On-Site Training

### **Affordable, Accessible, Integrated Housing: Expanding Options for People with Disabilities**

August 23 - 25, 2016

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

August 15th Registration Cutoff!

Registration Fee: \$150.00

CIL-NET is organizing this outstanding training opportunity to make sure that you and your co-workers are equipped to help individuals find housing, all while increasing the stock of affordable, accessible, integrated housing in your community!

Please join us in Pittsburgh this summer to learn from leading housing experts in Independent Living and housing advocacy.

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

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### **Just out from the NRA**

To: All Members of the National Rehabilitation Association

From: Patricia Leahy, Director of Government Affairs

Re: **Definition of Disability Broadened by the Justice Department  
in the Final Rule to Amend the ADA Regulations**

Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2016

For those of you who read on the run, this Washington Wire deals with the Final Rule to accompany the regulations to amend the ADA Amendments Act of 2008.



The U.S. Department of Justice issued its Final Rule, which was printed in the August 11, 2016 edition of the Federal Register, on the regulations that accompanied the ADA Amendments Act of 2008.

In its Final Rule, the U.S. Department of Justice is clarifying who is protected under the ADA and, in doing so, significantly broadened the scope of who is protected under the ADA to include, but not limited to: individuals with cancer; diabetes; epilepsy; Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD); learning disabilities, and others.

More specifically the Final Rule states:

"In response to earlier Supreme Court decisions that significantly narrowed the application of the definition of "disability" under the ADA, the Congress enacted the ADA Amendments Act to restore the understanding that the definition of "disability" shall be broadly construed and applicable without extensive analysis."

The Justice Department further stated that:

"This final rule clarifies Congress' original mandate that eliminating discrimination against people with disabilities requires an expansive definition of what disability means and who the law covers", said Anita Gupta, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

"The Justice Department's regulation sets forth clear new rules, new examples, and detailed guidance to ensure the courts covered entities and people with disabilities under the ADA."

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*Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant*

# FRIDAY UPDATES

# NASUAD

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## From NASUAD

### Register Today for the 2016 HCBS Conference!

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 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.

### Presentation Materials from I&R/A



for CBOs

\*CDC: National Study of Long-Term Care Providers

\*CMS: Proposed Rule for PACE

\*DOL: Webinar: Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment

\*NIH: Go4Life Month in September

\*AUCD: Webinar: Faith-Related Dementia Programs

\*HMA: Webinar: Physician Perspectives on Using Telemedicine

\*NADRC: Webinar: Faith-Related Dementia Programs

\*NCOA: Falls Prevention Awareness Day

\*UNF and KF: Webinar: nTIDE Jobs Report

\*Events

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## Guardianship Webinar Available

The National I&R Support Center recently hosted a webinar to train attendees on the basics of guardianship, and the presentation materials are now available on the NASUAD website. Guardianship is a key but complicated issue that aging and disability I&R/A specialists address in their work with consumers, family members, and caregivers. This training covered the basics of guardianship including the process of becoming a guardian, responsibilities of the guardian, the difference between guardianship and powers of attorney and a discussion on when a guardianship may be necessary. To help I&R/A specialists gain more insight into guardianship issues, the presenter, Kim Grier, Adult Guardianship Specialist, Georgia Department of Human Services, shared her expertise on this topic.

[Click here](#) to view the presentation materials.

## 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](http://www.nasuad.org/hcbs) for more information.*

## Recommendations for Data Collection of Family Support Services

The Family Support Research and Training Center (FSRTC) and the National Council on Aging (NCOA) published the report "Recommendations to Improve Data Collection to Monitor, Track, and Evaluate State Approaches to Family Support Services." The report identifies three indicators to monitor, track, and evaluate family support services: demographics of the caregiving situation, the impact on families, and indicators to assess family support at the state level. It also details recommendations for improvements that could be made to individual national and state datasets. The recommendations are intended to aid researchers and policymakers in improving family support services nationwide

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



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## From the Administration

### Administration for Community Living

#### Public Comment on Adult Protective Services and Ombudsman Reporting Systems

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has been working with federal and state administrators, researchers, service providers, and others to design, develop, and pilot the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS). NAMRS seeks to provide consistent and accurate national data on the exploitation and abuse of older adults and adults with disabilities, as reported to state Adult Protective Services agencies. The proposed collection of information for NAMRS was recently published in the Federal Register, and the public is encouraged to submit comments on the proposed data elements, values, and definitions. Public comments will be accepted through **Wednesday, September 7, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view the NAMRS proposal.

[Click here](#) to view the NAMRS notice in the federal register.

ACL has also proposed revisions to the National Ombudsman Reporting System (NORS) to improve the reliability of data and the clarity of instructions and definitions. State Ombudsman programs use NORS to record their advocacy, education, and complaint-resolution services to individuals in long-term care facilities. ACL is accepting comments on the proposed data collection, including whether the information will have practical utility; accuracy of ACL's estimate of burden hours; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize burden. Public comments will be accepted through **Friday, October 7, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view the NORS proposed changes.

#### Public Comment on Guidance for State



## Plans on Aging

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) seeks public comment on the template to be used to prepare the information collection requirements contained in the Program Instruction entitled "Guidance for the Development and Submission of State Plans on Aging, State Plan Amendments and the Intrastate Funding Formula." Each State Unit on Aging is required to develop a State Plan on Aging using guidance published in this annual Program Instruction in order to be eligible to receive a formula grant under Section 307(a) of the Older Americans Act (OAA).

ACL is also seeking comments specific to the included targeting guidance that aims to ensure maximum inclusion of all populations of seniors, including older American Indians, LGBT seniors, and Holocaust survivors living in the United States, and other isolated groups of older adults. Comments are requested on the extent to which the direction provided is sufficient for states to fully assess the existence of, and develop plans for serving, these individuals and their families. If commenters believe the proposed direction is insufficient, it is requested that the commenters include the specific guidance desired as well as the practical means and data available to implement the guidance, direction, and requirements for states. Comments should be submitted to [Greg.Link@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:Greg.Link@acl.hhs.gov) by **Monday, August 22, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view the notice in the Federal Register.

## Webinar: What CMS' Proposed Expansion of Bundled Payments for Cardiac Care and Care Coordination Means for CBOs

The Administration for Community Living's Office of Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs (ONHPP), in collaboration with health care consultant Tim McNeill, is hosting a business acumen webinar on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) proposed expansion of bundled payments for cardiac care and care coordination. This webinar will answer questions about the proposed rule changes and how community-based organizations can play a role in new payment models. Participants are also encouraged to ask any other business acumen-related questions. The webinar is scheduled for



**Tuesday, August 23, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### National Study of Long-Term Care Providers Questionnaire

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) began the third wave of the National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP). NCHS is requesting that directors or administrators of an adult day services center or assisted living/residential care community that receives a "2016 Adult Day Services Center Questionnaire" or a "2016 Residential Care Community Questionnaire" packet, complete and submit the questionnaire online over a safe and secure network, or by mailing a completed hard copy version of the questionnaire that is included in the questionnaire packet. The questionnaires will take an average of 30 minutes to complete.

The biennial National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP), is an initiative to monitor trends in the major sectors of paid, regulated long-term care services providers. NSLTCP includes surveys of adult day services centers, home health agencies, hospices, nursing homes, and assisted living and similar residential care communities. This study aims to help policymakers, health care planners, and providers better understand, plan for, and serve the future long-term care needs of the older population and younger adults with disabilities.

[Click here](#) to view the study's website.

## Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



## Proposed Rule for Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

On Thursday, August 11, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule (CMS-4168-P) to revise and update the requirements for the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The proposed rule is the first major update to the PACE program in a decade, and addresses several program elements including: application and waiver procedures, sanctions, enforcement actions and termination, administrative requirements, PACE services, participant rights, quality assessment and performance improvement, participant enrollment and disenrollment, payment, federal and state monitoring, data collection, record maintenance, and reporting.

The proposed changes are intended to provide greater operational flexibility, remove redundancies and outdated information, and codify existing practice. The rule proposes to strengthen protections for beneficiaries and provide administrative flexibility and regulatory relief for PACE organizations. For example, CMS is proposing a more flexible approach to the composition of the interdisciplinary team that is central to the coordinated care participants receive from PACE organizations; team members would be able to participate in more aspects of a participant's care than is currently the case. Another flexibility would allow non-physician primary care practitioners to provide some services in the place of primary care physicians. Additional proposed beneficiary protections include, for instance, proposing changes to sanctions, enforcement actions, and terminations to strengthen CMS' ability to hold PACE organizations accountable.

The proposed rule will be published at the Office of the Federal Register on August 16, 2016, and public comments are due on **Monday, October 17, 2016** after a 60-day comment period.

[Click here](#) to view the proposed rule.

[Click here](#) to view a fact sheet.

**Department of Labor**

**Webinar: Advisory Committee on**



## Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment Public Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities is hosting a webinar that is open to the public. The committee will meet to confirm consensus on their final report. Members of the public wishing to participate in the webinar must register in advance of the meeting, by **Friday, August 19, 2016**. The webinar is scheduled for **Monday, August 29, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## National Institute on Aging

### Go4Life Month in September

The National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is hosting "Go4Life Month" in September. Go4Life is a federal campaign based on research showing that exercise can help prevent many chronic conditions and disabilities associated with aging. The National Institute on Aging aims to involve individuals, families, communities, and organizations in the campaign. They encourage organizations to host an exercise event for older adults during the month of September; tip sheets and event planning assistance are available on the Go4Life website.

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

## From Other Organizations

Association of University Centers  
on Disabilities



## **Webinar: Building Gauges to Measure National Progress on Transition Outcomes**

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) is hosting a webinar that will describe activities of the National Autism Data Center (NAUCD) with emphasis on national indicators related to youth transition. Paul Shattuck, founder of NAUCD, will present the range of information products available through the center and plans for additional transition research projects. Laura Ivanova Smith, UW LEND Advocate Faculty, will also provide a personal perspective on transition planning and employment. The webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 31, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## **Health Management Associates**

### **Webinar: Physician Perspectives on Using Telemedicine to Address the Shortage of Mental Health Providers**

Health Management Associates (HMA) is hosting the webinar "Physician Perspectives on Using Telemedicine to Address the Shortage of Mental Health Providers." HMA physicians, an internist and psychiatrist, will discuss the impact that telemedicine and other technologies can have on improving access and care for vulnerable mental health populations. The session will also outline the most important elements of a telemedicine program with a special emphasis on the needs of patients and perspectives of the interdisciplinary teams serving them. The webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, August 25, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## **National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center**



## Webinar: Faith-Related Dementia Programs

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) will present a webinar entitled "Examples of Developing and Implementing Faith-Related Dementia Programs." Participants will learn about two faith-related programs for people with dementia and their caregivers- Alzheimer's Orange County Interfaith Outreach Program in Orange County, California and the Respite Ministry in Montgomery, Alabama. The webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 23, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## National Council on Aging

### Fall Prevention Awareness Day

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is hosting its 9th annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day. The event raises awareness about how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults. This year's theme is "Ready, Steady, Balance: Prevent Falls in 2016." NCOA provides handouts, event ideas, and promotional materials for organizations to help spread the word about how to prevent falls. The event will be observed on **Thursday, September 22, 2016.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

## University of New Hampshire, Kessler Foundation, Association of University Centers on Disabilities

### Webinar: nTIDE Lunch and Learn

The Employment Policy & Measurement Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (EPM-RRTC) at the University of New Hampshire, in partnership with Kessler Foundation and the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), hosts a monthly webinar on the first Friday of every month.



There will be a live broadcast via Zoom webinar to share the results of the latest nTIDE findings, based upon the Bureau of Labor statistics jobs report. Additionally, the monthly webinars will feature news and updates from the field of Disability Employment and a discussion from an invited panelist on current disability related findings and events. The next nTIDE webinar is scheduled for **Friday, September 2, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## Events

### **Helping Workers Keep Their Jobs After an Injury, Illness, or Disability**

The Stay-at-Work/Return-to-Work (SAW/RTW) Policy Collaborative of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy and Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy are hosting the policy forum and webinar "Helping Workers Keep Their Jobs After an Injury, Illness, or Disability." The session will provide policy recommendations intended to improve the SAW/RTW outcomes for workers who experience injury, illness, or disability. Presenters will discuss 1) steps states can take to help workers keep their jobs after injury, illness, or disability; 2) adapting a successful workers' compensation initiative to off-the-job cases; 3) and behavioral interventions designed to promote SAW/RTW. The event can be watched online or in person at Mathematica's office in **Washington D.C. on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

### **2016 ANCOR Technology Summit & Showcase**

The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) is hosting the "2016 ANCOR Technology Summit & Showcase." The summit will feature peers, advocates, and experts presenting ways that technology can help the



Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) community achieve the triple aim of better health, better care, and lower costs. The event will take place in **Broomfield, Colorado on Friday, October 7, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## Jobs & Internships

### **Minnesota Seeks Director of Nursing Facility Rates and Policy Division**

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is seeking a Director of the Nursing Facility Rates and Policy Division. This position will develop and oversee the state's policies for purchasing services from nursing facilities and play a key role in the continuing care for older adults administration providing strategic planning and program development for the division.

The director's responsibilities will include: directing day to day operations related to policy development and interpretation, program administration and services; managing and supervising staff; overseeing nursing facilities rates policy, systems, and processes; overseeing the design of data collection, reporting, and research on quality of care and life for nursing facility residents; providing leadership for department, administration, and division strategic planning and program development; providing leadership on nursing home legislation; providing high level consultation to stakeholders regarding strategic, technical, and planning issues; and developing and maintaining collaborative relationships with providers, the public, and leaders in the public and private sectors. The application is due by **Thursday, September 15, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to view the job announcement.

### **TMG Seeks IRIS Consultant**

TMG is seeking a full-time IRIS consultant in Green Lake County, Marquette County or Waushara County, Wisconsin to partner with individuals enrolled in the IRIS program to



identify their long-term care goals and find creative ways to achieve them. IRIS consultants are responsible for providing program orientation to new participants at which time participants will learn of their rights and responsibilities as someone enrolled in the program. The consultants are also responsible for working with participants to explore a broad view of the person's life, including goals, important relationships, connections with the local community, interest in employment, awareness of the Self-Directed Personal Care option, and back-up support plans. Consultants will assist participants in identifying personal outcomes and ensure those outcomes are being met on an ongoing basis. It is required that all orientation and planning activities are documented, and the consultant must research community resources and natural supports that will fit with the individual outcomes of each participant. IRIS consultants will have to operate within their defined budgets and be a liaison between the Fiscal Employer Agency and the IRIS Consultant Agency. Applications are due by **Wednesday, August 31, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to view the job announcement.

## Funding Opportunities

### **NADTC Innovations in Accessible Mobility Grant Opportunity**

The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) announced a new grant opportunity intended to support program innovations that increase accessible transportation options for older adults and people with disabilities living in the community and maximize the utilization of Section 5310 and other federal funding investments. Local and regional private nonprofit or government organizations are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity. Grants of up to \$50,000 each will be awarded to as many as six communities for a twelve month period. Applications are due by **Friday, August 26, 2016.**

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

### **Benefits Enrollment Center Grants**



## Serving Hard-to-Reach Populations

The Center for Benefits Access at the National Council on Aging (NCOA) is seeking qualified organizations to become Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs) serving hard-to-reach low-income Medicare beneficiaries. BECs use person-centered strategies in a coordinated, community-wide approach to find and enroll Medicare beneficiaries-both seniors aged 65+ years and adults living with disabilities - who have limited income and resources into available benefits, with the primary focus being on the following five core benefit programs: Medicare Part D Extra Help (or Low-Income Subsidy, LIS), Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps), and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Agencies will serve specific hard-to-reach populations, such as people residing in rural areas, members of native tribes, people of color, members of the LGBT community, those with limited English proficiency (LEP), those recently released from incarceration, or veterans. BECs serving specific populations must be able to provide application assistance for a minimum of 500 people for all of the benefits for which they are eligible during an 11-month period. Applicants are encouraged to complete a notice of intent by **Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ET**, and applications are due **Friday, September 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view the Request for Proposals.

## AARP Social Security Innovation Challenge

AARP is launching an Innovation Challenge to identify policy solutions to strengthen economic security for American workers and retirees by achieving Social Security solvency and maintaining benefit adequacy for future generations. Through the Challenge, scholars and researchers from a range of perspectives and sectors are invited to submit their best ideas for creating a strong Social Security system for the coming decades. Applicants are encouraged to consider macro trends (e.g., in the workforce, income, wealth, savings rates, life expectancy, fertility rates, marital status) and to take an innovative look at policy options that address these trends. Up to five successful applicants will be selected to further develop the policy



innovation and will deliver a detailed policy paper on one or more specific policy innovation(s) to strengthen Social Security's solvency and/or adequacy. Additionally, AARP will work with The Urban Institute to assess the financial and distributional impact of the policy proposals developed by the successful applicants. The notice of intent is due **Wednesday, August 31, 2016**, and the application for funding is due **Friday, September 30, 2016**.

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

## Community-Based Palliative Care Delivery for Adult Patients with Advanced Illnesses and their Caregivers

The Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) posted a notice of an upcoming funding opportunity to: a) support care planning for adult patients with advanced illnesses over time that is consistent with the goals and preferences of adult patients and their caregivers, and b) support the delivery of coordinated, community-based palliative care that effectively implements those care plans.

Applicants focusing on advanced care planning should address the following research question: "What is the comparative effectiveness of different patient, caregiver, and clinician-directed and combination approaches to facilitating advanced care planning conversations between adult patients living with advanced illness, their caregivers, and clinicians on patient-centered and other outcomes over time?" And applicants focusing on community-based models of palliative should consider the following research question: "What is the comparative effectiveness of different established models of palliative care delivery in community settings on improving patient-centered and other outcomes among adult patients with advanced illness and their caregivers?"

PCORI seeks to fund multiple, large, multi-site, community-based comparative effectiveness research (CER) studies to generate evidence in support of this goal. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is **Wednesday, September 14, 2016**, and applications are due **Monday, December 19, 2016**.



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

## National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making State Grant Program

The National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making (NRC-SDM) announced its State Grant Program. The NRC-SDM will fund up to six projects with the purpose of stimulating innovative supported decision-making practices that can be replicated across the country. Each project that is funded will become part of the NRC-SDM's Community of Practice and will receive logistical, organizational, technical, and other necessary support.

The State Grant Program will award grants for state-based projects that: 1) Adopt an innovative approach to increase knowledge of and access to supported decision-making by older adults and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) across the life course; and 2) collect and disseminate information to document the positive impacts of supported decision-making in their state and, at least annually, issue a report documenting success stories, challenges and any system changes that have been made to increase the understanding and use of supported decision-making. Applications are due by **Thursday, September 15, 2016**.

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