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### **ACL News & Information**

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

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

### **NASUAD Weekly Update**

Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

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

Note: The web links in this document may change over time. DARS-VDA does not attempt to refresh the links once the week has passed. However, this document is maintained on the web for a period of time as a reference. Some links may require registration.

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## **VAIRS Webinar: Hoarding and the Virginia Fair Housing Law**

*Kathy B. Miller, Director of Aging Programs*

Please register for VAIRS Webinar: Hoarding and the Virginia Fair Housing Law on Dec 13, 2016 10:00 AM EST at:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/8141002172824659969>

In 2013, the American Psychiatric Association added some conditions to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disabilities or DSM-5. as disabilities. It was the first time in almost 20 years that any disabilities were added to this very important manual used by mental health experts.

Those disorders that were added to the DSM-5 Manual are as follows: Autism Spectrum, Binge Eating, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Dysregulation, Gender Dysphoria and the disability that has emerged as a very hot topic for housing providers... **HOARDING!** Hoarding is a lot more prevalent than first believed to be. It affects many men, women and children, as young as 2 years of age. It is more commonly found among elderly women. While the perception is that Alzheimer's is plaguing many of the elderly, studies have shown that 5 million elderly adults are being affected - while over 15 million are living in homes where there is chronic hoarding.

With the addition of these disabilities, housing providers must be aware that those who are dealing with permanent disabilities cannot be evicted or treated less favorably because of their disability. Attending this Hoarding and the Virginia Fair Housing Law Awareness information session, will help the participants understand their rights and responsibilities under the Virginia Fair Housing Law.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

## **Webinar: ACA Outreach for State & Local Government Employers**

*Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations*





### Register for IRS webinar: ACA Outreach for State and Local Governmental Employer Community

- October 20 at 2 p.m. (Eastern)

[Register for this event](#)

This is a live webinar presented by the ACA Office and TE/GE Counsel to address governmental entities' concerns and needs as they relate to ACA information reporting requirements.

*Learn about:*

- Determining Applicable Large Employer (ALE) status
- Identifying full-time employees
- Defining hours of service
- What is Minimum Essential Coverage?
- E-Filing of information returns
- 2016 filing season corrections and replacements
- Penalties and relief
- TIN solicitation
- Changes to forms & instructions for Tax Year 2016
- Questions and answers

**We will not be offering Continuing Education Credit for this event.**

### **Virginia DMAS Announces Preliminary MLTSS Contract Awards**

*Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations*

The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services has announced the health plans selected for negotiation of contracts for the state's new managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS) program. The seven health plans selected for negotiations for all six regions are:

- *Aetna Better Health of Virginia*
- *Anthem HealthKeepers Plus*
- *Humana*
- *Magellan Complete Care of Virginia*
- *Optima Health*
- *United Healthcare*
- *Virginia Premier Health Plan*



With the exception of United, all the selected plans are incumbents in the state's Medallion 3.0 program for the traditional Medicaid population and individuals in the aged, blind, and disabled category of eligibility or the Commonwealth Coordinated Care program for dual eligibles. Final contract awards are anticipated by the end of the year. The statewide program will be phased in across the six regions, with implementation expected to begin in the summer of 2017. Enrollees in Commonwealth Coordinated Care and the aged, blind, and disabled population enrolled in Medallion 3.0 are expected to be transitioned to the MLTSS program starting in 2018. The initial period of the contract will be five years with five one-year renewal options.



**October 06, 2016**

**ACL Announces Voluntary Guidelines, Funding to Boost State Adult Protective Services at Elder Justice Coordinating Council Meeting**

*Note: Apologies to any who tried to access the live stream of the Elder Justice Coordinating Council meeting on October 5. An Internet outage on site prevented the live stream, however a video replay will be available soon.*

Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging Edwin Walker announced the first-ever [voluntary guidelines for state Adult Protective Services](#) (APS) systems as well as new grants to foster innovation in elder justice during the fall meeting of the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (EJCC) on October 5.

ACL facilitated the development of the voluntary consensus-based guidelines which will assist states in developing efficient and effective APS systems. The guidelines provide recommendations from the field about quality APS practice in the areas of program administration, response times, receiving reports of maltreatment, conducting investigations, service



planning and intervention, training, and evaluation.

The guidelines were developed by experts in the field of APS and adult maltreatment and are based on research on what works in APS and similar systems where it was available. The final guidelines reflect extensive feedback from members of the public and a broad range of stakeholders including over 500 comments and feedback from 15 listening sessions. ACL intends to revisit and update the guidelines every two years to account for new feedback from the field and emerging research.

The guidelines reflect the value of, and continued need for, an evidence base to guide the work of combating elder abuse. To that end, ACL is funding eight innovation grants totaling \$3.3 million to support the development of knowledge and infrastructure in the areas of guardianship, elder abuse forensic centers, self-neglect, and combating elder abuse in Indian country.

[Learn more about the projects being funded.](#)

Addressing the EJCC, Walker also highlighted [\\$2.2 million in grants recently awarded to 13 states](#) to enhance statewide APS systems, improve practices and data collection, and interface with ACL's [National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System](#) (NAMRS). The funding doubles the number of states receiving APS enhancement grants since ACL [awarded the first-ever federal grants for state APS systems](#) last year.

APS systems play a critical role in supporting older adults and adults with disabilities facing abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation. State APS systems investigate reports of abuse and exploitation, provide support and case-management, and connect those facing abuse to a variety of protective, emergency, and support services.

Because APS is designed and administered at the state or local level, there is wide variation in APS services and practices between, and even within, states. Nationally, this results in a fragmented and unequal system that can hinder coordination and result in an absence of critical supports for some experiencing abuse.

ACL believes that all older Americans and people with disabilities should have similar protections and access to services, regardless of where they live. The guidelines, state



grants, innovation grants, and development of NAMRS represent the first federal investment to support states in developing effective APS systems.

The EJCC brings together leaders from across the federal government to address issues of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. During the meeting, federal leaders reflected on the EJCC's many accomplishments since it was formed in 2012, future directions for federal elder justice efforts, and the role of elder justice in transition planning as agencies prepare for a new administration.

The EJCC also heard from experts on the impact of federal efforts on topics including mail fraud, planning for diminished capacity, guardianship, public awareness, APS, financial exploitation by fiduciaries, and the elder shelter model.

Presenters' written statements will be posted on the [Elder Justice Coordinating Council](#) website later this week and a video will be posted later this month.



**October 11, 2016**

**ACL 2016 Alzheimer's Disease Initiative: Specialized Supportive Services (ADI-SSS) Program Awards**

The Administration for Community Living's Administration on Aging announces the awards for the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative: Specialized Supportive Services (ADI-SSS) program. The awards total \$10,330,835 amongst eleven unique organizations in seven states. The 2016 Prevention and Public Health Fund provides the resources for these three-year awards.

The funded projects will fill gaps in "dementia-capable" long-term services and supports by providing high quality, person-centered services for people with Alzheimer's disease and



related dementias (ADRD), and their caregivers.

Program focus areas include improvement of dementia-related services to people who live alone, and those affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities. Awardees are also addressing services to persons living with moderate to severe impairment from ADRD and their caregivers, as well as the provision of caregiver training in behavioral symptom management.

The successful 2016 ADI-SSS applicants are:

- Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin
- The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute)
- Senior Citizen's Council of Sheridan, Wyoming
- LeHigh Valley Hospital, Inc.
- County of San Diego
- State of Illinois Department on Aging
- State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division
- Jewish Family Services of San Diego
- The Regents of the University of California, San Francisco
- San Francisco City & County
- University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute



UPDATES

October 7, 2016

**Administration on Intellectual and Developmental  
Disabilities Expands Partnerships in Integrated Employment**



ACL's [Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#) (AIDD) recently awarded more than \$1.8 million in funding to six states to increase competitive employment outcomes for youth and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The five-year grants will help enhance collaboration across existing state systems, including programs administered by state developmental disabilities agencies, state vocational rehabilitation agencies, state educational agencies, and other entities to prioritize employment as the first and preferred option for youth and young adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

This funding, awarded as a [Project of National Significance](#), is an expansion of the eight AIDD Partnerships in Employment Systems Change Initiative grants funded in 2011 and 2012. [Read more about the impact of these grants.](#)

The initiative reflects AIDD's commitment to, and investment in, an Employment First approach built on the premise that with the right supports and accommodations people of all abilities can participate fully in integrated employment and community life. States work to align policies, service delivery practices, and reimbursement structures in order to ensure that youth and young adults with I/DD are supported to access integrated and competitive employment.

The 2016 grantee award recipients are:

- DC Department on Disability Services: DC Learners and Earners;
- University of Hawaii: Jobs Now Partnership (JNP);
- Human Development Institute, University Center for Excellence, University of Kentucky: Kentucky Employment Partnership for Youth with Significant Disabilities;
- The Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS): Massachusetts Partnership for Transition to Employment;
- Able South Carolina: The South Carolina Employment First Initiative; and
- Utah Division of Services for People with Disabilities: Utah School to Work Interagency Transition Initiative.



AIDD has also awarded a \$384,237 Cooperative Agreement to TASH to provide training and technical assistance to all of the Partnerships in Employment Systems Change grants. In addition, The Lewin Group has been awarded a contract to conduct an evaluation for the Partnerships in Employment Systems Change grants. Both projects have a funding period of five years.

October is [National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#), an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of workers with disabilities and the value of a diverse workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. Follow [#InclusionWorks](#) and ACL's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages all month for employment stories and resources.

For more details, please [visit the website](#).



**October 11, 2016**

**Title VI Webinar**

**2017-2020 Title VI Grant Applications**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET**

Teleconference phone number: **888-455-3131** and Passcode **1234567**

**[Click here to view the PowerPoint presentation via WebEx](#)** with Meeting Number 997 165 908

**Presenters:**

Shelly Zylstra, Aging Services Program Specialist, ACL/AoA

Susan Raymond, Aging Services Program Specialist, ACL/AoA

**Title VI Grant Applications are Due on December 5, 2016!!!**



Every three years, Tribal Communities, Native Alaskan Villages and Native Hawaiian Organizations have an opportunity to reapply for their Title VI Grants for elder services. To continue to provide services for your elders using these funds, you **MUST REAPPLY!**

This year, a much-simplified process has been developed. This webinar will provide information about the process, the application, and where to go for help! Please Join Susan Raymond and Shelly Zylstra, both Aging Services Program Specialists from the Administration for Community Living to learn about the new application, how to fill it out, and why you are the program expert with all the answers.

Topics covered in the Webinar will include:

- Needs Assessments
- How to use the Application Form
- Tips and Tricks for a Successful Application
- Common Errors
- How to count Unduplicated elders

There will be time for Questions and Answers and ways to contact experts for support. Don't Miss this important Webinar!

Time and Time Zone:

8:00 a.m. HT

10:00 a.m. AKT

11:00 a.m. PT

11:00 a.m. AZ

12:00 p.m. MT

1:00 p.m. CT

2:00 p.m. ET

For questions about the webinar email Paula Arevalo at [paula.arevalo@teyatech.com](mailto:paula.arevalo@teyatech.com).



## UPDATES

**October 11, 2016**

### **Supplemental Grant Award for the National Ombudsman Resource Center (NORC)**

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) awarded a supplemental grant in the amount of \$60,000 to the National Ombudsman Resource Center (NORC) to address a number of emerging issues. NORC provides significant training, technical assistance and program management expertise for state and local long-term care ombudsman (LTCO) programs.

LTCO programs play a critical role in assisting residents in nursing homes, as well as their families, to understand their rights and demand quality services. This supplemental grant will enable LTCO programs to have the right resources needed to help educate residents and families on the revised set of regulations that govern the more than 15,000 long-term care facilities (nursing homes) that participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

This first comprehensive update since 1991, aims to implement a number of important safeguards that have been identified by resident advocates and other stakeholders, and include additional protections required by the Affordable Care Act.

Significant changes finalized in this rule include:

- Strengthening the rights of long-term care facility residents, including prohibiting the use of pre-dispute binding arbitration agreements.
- Ensuring that long-term care facility staff members are properly trained on caring for residents with dementia and in preventing elder abuse.
- Ensuring that long-term care facilities take into consideration the health of residents when making decisions on the kinds and levels of staffing a facility needs to properly take care of its residents.
- Ensuring that staff members have the right skill sets and competencies to provide person-centered care to residents. The care plans developed for residents will take into consideration their goals of care and preferences.
- Improving care planning, including discharge planning for all residents



with involvement of the facility's interdisciplinary team and consideration of the caregiver's capacity, giving residents information they need for follow-up after discharge, and ensuring that instructions are transmitted to any receiving facilities or services.

- Allowing dietitians and therapy providers the authority to write orders in their areas of expertise when a physician delegates the responsibility and state licensing laws allow.
- Updating the long-term care facility's infection prevention and control program, including requiring an infection prevention and control officer and an antibiotic stewardship program that includes antibiotic use protocols and a system to monitor antibiotic use.

The supplemental grant will specifically support states' LTCO programs to help people understand the significance and impact of the revised nursing home regulations; as they assist people living in nursing homes in receiving quality care, and to promote their rights and access to supports and services including information on how to transition out of nursing homes.

Lastly, it provides funding to support development of training standards to strengthen the effectiveness of states' LTCO programs. For more information on the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program, go to [http://www.aoa.acl.gov/AoA\\_Programs/Elder\\_Rights/Ombudsman/index.aspx](http://www.aoa.acl.gov/AoA_Programs/Elder_Rights/Ombudsman/index.aspx).

### **VICAP Program Fliers Available (Attachments)**

*A.J. Hostetler, DARS Communications Director*

The Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program has created two fliers (one black and white, one in color) for use by VDA's partners to share information about the availability of VICAP counselors to provide confidential counseling and assistance for people with Medicare benefits. Please consider posting and/or sharing this flier during Medicare's open enrollment period, Oct. 15-Dec. 7.

# Need help with **Medicare?**

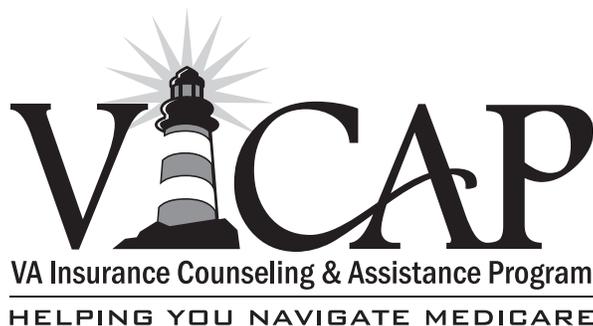


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Trained and certified counselors can assist with:

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- Medicare Advantage Plans
- Medigap
- Appeals
- Eligibility for low-income subsidies
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The annual Medicare Open Enrollment period is Oct. 15 – Dec. 7



**Call (800) 552-3402 for information on your local VICAP office**

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## **Abuse in Later Life: Training for Law Enforcement**

*Sara Link, No Wrong Door Policy Advisor*

Registration is now open for the Abuse in Later Life training, for law enforcement. It's scheduled to take place on November 16, in the City of Richmond, from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Registration is **FREE**, but required.

While the event is open to all Virginia law enforcement, registration priority will be given to those serving the City of Richmond and the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico.

Details are below and a flyer is attached. I ask that you forward and share with your colleagues.

### **Law Enforcement:**

Wednesday, November 16

Law Enforcement Credits (pending):

[6] Crime Prevention

[2] Cultural Diversity

[4] Career Development

[1.5] Legal

Open to officers, detectives, and others serving in a criminal justice capacity.

Registration form: <https://goo.gl/forms/34WZdw6Nt3b7yXhp1>



Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

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## FRIDAY UPDATES

# NASUAD

October 7, 2016

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## From NASUAD

### **NASUAD and Leading National Disability Organization Partners Awarded Business Acumen for Disability Organizations from ACL**

The Administration on Community Living announced on October 1, 2016 that the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) was awarded the Business Acumen for Disability Organizations Resource Center. The new resource center will promote the development of business relationships between health plans and other integrated health services and community based disability organizations. This 3-year grant will support training, technical assistance and a learning collaborative for disability organizations that want to cement their role in a changing Long Term Services and Supports delivery system.

NASUAD partnered with leading national disability leaders in

# ABUSE IN LATER LIFE: A TRAINING FOR GREATER RICHMOND AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT

## WHEN

**November 16, 2016**  
**8:00am - 5:00pm**

## WHERE

**Huguenot Community Center**  
**7945 Forest Hill Avenue Richmond, VA 23225**



## REGISTRATION

**Training is FREE!**

**Lunch will be provided**

**Space is limited**

**Register [here!](#)**

## IN-SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT CREDITS

**[6] Crime Prevention**

**[4] Career Development**

**[2] Cultural Diversity**

**[1.5] Legal**

## QUESTIONS

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their application including the American Association on Health and Disabilities (AAHD), the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN), National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS), the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), the National Council on Aging (NCOA), the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN), the Community Living Policy Center at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF), and the Research and Training Center at University of Minnesota's (UoM) Institute on Community Integration. Mercer Human Services Government Consulting will provide critical financial and business strategy expertise to support this effort.

"I am proud to partner with a team that has such broad experience in providing training and technical assistance in the field of disability services" said Executive Director Martha Roherty. "Disability CBOs bring decades of experience and focus on services that meet individual needs, provide choices to consumers, and support self-determination for persons with a disability and their families. Our hope is that this resource center will serve as a center for promising practices for not only the CBOs, but also provide the key knowledge that integrated entities, including health plans, need to better serve the unique needs of individuals with disabilities."

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

## **Report on Oral Health Services for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities**

During calendar year 2015, NASUAD engaged in a collaboration with the DentaQuest Foundation to identify and promote effective oral health interventions for older adults and people with physical disabilities. This initiative involved collaborating with partners from the dental, aging, and disability fields in order to increase knowledge regarding issues and challenges related to dental services for older adults and people with disabilities. The project also included a survey of state agencies and a review of state coverage policies to determine current programs providing oral health services; understand access and utilization; recognize existing collaborations for outreach to beneficiaries; and identify challenges with oral health policy across state agencies.



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Additionally, NASUAD engaged in a review of state Medicaid oral health coverage policies that specifically target older adults and people with disabilities to understand the current dental policy and financing framework regarding these populations.

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

## State Innovation Profiles

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) created four state innovation profiles. The D.C., Georgia, Minnesota, and Vermont state innovation profiles capture projects, demonstrations, and partnerships that were shared by states at NASUAD's 2016 spring membership meeting. Each profile was developed in collaboration with the state agency.

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

## HCBS Clearinghouse

*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.

## Patient-Centered Medical Homes and the Care of Older Adults

The Patient Centered Medical Home Network of The John A. Hartford Foundation Change AGENTS Initiative released a new paper titled, *Patient-Centered Medical Homes and the Care of Older Adults: How comprehensive care coordination, community connections, and person-directed care can make a difference*. The publication provides guidance for how PCMHs can improve health outcomes for this population and achieve an improved system of care.

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



## From the Administration

### Administration for Community Living

#### **ACL Announces Voluntary Guidelines, Funding for State Adult Protective Services**

The Administration for Community Living's Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging, Edwin Walker, announced the first-ever [voluntary guidelines](#) for state Adult Protective Services (APS) systems at the fall meeting of the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (EJCC) which met this past Wednesday, October 5. He also announced several new grants totaling \$3.3 million that are meant to foster innovation in the elder justice field.

ACL facilitated the development of the voluntary consensus-based guidelines which will assist states in developing efficient and effective APS systems. The guidelines provide recommendations from the field about quality APS practice in the areas of program administration, response times, receiving reports of maltreatment, conducting investigations, service planning and intervention, training, and evaluation.

[Click here](#) to view statements from the EJCC meeting.

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

#### **President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities 2016 Report**

The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities 2016 report has been released. The report examines four key areas to determine how a new path can be forged for people with intellectual disabilities to be included in all aspects



of society:

- Early family engagement to support high expectations for students with disabilities;
- Federal education policies and enforcement strategies to end segregation in schools;
- Transition to adulthood as a critical timeframe for establishing paths to higher education and career development; and
- Self-determination and supported decision-making starting in early childhood and continuing throughout the individual's lifespan.

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

## Social Security Administration

### National Disability Forum: Telehealth & Telemedicine

The Social Security Administration is hosting the 5th National Disability Forum to discuss "Exploring Opportunities to Advance the Disability Program through Telehealth and Telemedicine." It will take place at the National Education Association which is located at 1201 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C . and via teleconference. Dr. David Brennan, Director, Telehealth Initiatives, MedStar Institute for innovation will moderate the discussion. The other speakers include: Alan H. Dinesman, M.D., Medical Officer, Office of Disability and Medical Assessment, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kathy Wibberly, Ph.D., Director, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center at University of Virginia Telehealth Resource Center; and Kofi Jones, Vice President of Government Affairs, American Well. The forum is scheduled for **Thursday, October 27, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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

## From Other Organizations



## American Society on Aging

### 2017 Aging in America Conference

The American Society on Aging's 2017 Aging in America Conference will be held in Chicago from **March 20 to March 24**. The focus of AiA17 is innovation, including innovative policies, programs, practices, models, businesses, technologies, learning and more from across the field of aging. Register now to join this conference community of nearly 3,000 multidisciplinary professionals who, like you, are working to improve the lives of older adults. The early-bird discount ends on October 31, 2016.

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

## Easter Seals

### Webinar: Navigating the Role of Military Veteran Caregiver

Easter Seals Dixon Center for Military & Caregiver Services - in partnership with Atlas Research, Caregiver Action Network, Family Caregiver Alliance, National Alliance for Caregiving, Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving, and USO are sponsoring a Military Caregiver webinar titled, "It Takes Courage After Fire: Navigating the Role of Caregiver." Donna Schempp of the Family Caregiver Alliance will host the webinar. Speakers for this session will include: Donna Schempp; Keith Armstrong, University of California San Francisco; and an Elizabeth Dole fellow. Registration is required for this free webinar, all participants must register by October 19 in order to attend. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, October 20, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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



## National Council on Aging

### Resources for Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment for parts C and D begins on Saturday, October 15, 2016. The National Council on Aging has created a host of resources to help counselors assist their clients about the different options that are available. The resources include fact sheets, checklists, charts and other helpful tools.

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

## Pew Charitable Trusts

### Webinar: How Can State's Use Data to Improve Policies?

Pew Charitable Trusts and Atlantic Media's Route Fifty are holding a webinar with Colorado Governor John W. Hickenlooper and other officials on how the state has developed effective evidence-based policies and systems. The webinar will include expert insights into several important topics, including:

- How Colorado policymakers at all levels of government use data to improve decision-making.
- How data-driven election administration can enhance accuracy, cost-effectiveness, and security.
- Why using evidence and evaluation in tax incentive policy benefits states' budgets, businesses, and taxpayers.

The webinar will take place on **Friday, October 14, 2016**, from **11:30 a.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view details.



## Events

### **AUCD 2016 Conference**

The AUCD 2016 Conference, "Navigating Change: Building our Future Together," highlights both the change that comes at the end of a Presidential term as well as our need to work together to create a future in which children and adults with disabilities are able to participate fully in all aspects of life as valued members of their communities. Join us to engage in powerful, important, and inspiring personal and professional discourse on December 4-7 in Washington, DC.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

## Jobs & Internships

### **Arkansas Seeks Assistant Deputy Chief Financial Officer**

The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Assistant Deputy Chief Financial Officer. The DHS Assistant CFO reports to the DHS CFO and serves on the executive leadership team of the Office of the CFO. The Deputy CFO is responsible for overseeing all financial activities occurring within assigned areas within the department as well as financial policy and long-term financial planning for the divisional or population driven components of DHS within their assigned purview. It is governed by state and federal laws and agency/institution policies. Interested applicants should send their resumes to [Glenn Eishenhauer](#).

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

### **2017 AAPD Summer Internship Program**

AAPD has announced the opening of applications for the 2017 Summer Internship Program. The AAPD Summer Internship Program develops the next generation of leaders with disabilities and offers host employers access to a talented, diverse



workforce. Each summer, AAPD places college students, graduate students, law students, and recent graduates with all types of disabilities in paid 10-week summer internships in Congressional offices, federal agencies, non-profit, and for-profit organizations in the Washington, DC area.

Each intern is matched with a mentor who will assist them with their career goals. AAPD provides the interns with a stipend, transportation to and from Washington, DC, and fully-accessible housing. All applications must be received by **November 7, 2016**.

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

## Funding Opportunities

### CMS

#### **CMS Announces a New Funding Opportunity for Track 1 of the Accountable Health Communities Model**

CMS, in January 2016, released a new Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for a model called the Accountable Health Communities (AHC). This Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation model focuses on the health-related social needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. The AHC Model is based on emerging evidence that addressing health-related social needs through enhanced clinical-community linkages can improve health outcomes and reduce costs. The original FOA requested applications for three different scalable tracks featuring interventions of varying intensity that would address health-related social needs for beneficiaries. After receiving inquiries and stakeholder feedback, CMS has decided to make modifications to the Track 1 application requirements and is releasing a new FOA specific to Track 1 of the AHC Model. Track 1 will support bridge organizations to increase a patient's awareness of available community services through screening, information dissemination, and referral. Track 1 award recipients will partner with the state Medicaid agency,



community service providers and clinical delivery sites to implement the Model. The modifications to the Track 1 application include the following: (1) Reducing the annual number of beneficiaries applicants are required to screen from 75,000 to 53,000; and (2) Increasing the maximum funding amount per award recipient from \$1 million to \$1.17 million over 5 years.

Under this announcement, CMS is accepting applications from community-based organizations, health care practices, hospitals and health systems, institutions of higher education, local government entities, tribal organizations, and for-profit and non-for-profit local and national entities with the capacity to develop and maintain relationships with clinical delivery sites and community service providers. All applicants, including those who applied to

Tracks 1, 2 or 3 in the previous FOA, are eligible to apply to this FOA.

**Applicants that previously applied to Track 1 of the AHC Model under the original FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-001) must re-apply using this FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-002) to be considered for the Model.**

The AHC Model is accepting applications for Track 1 at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) through **November 3, 2016**. For more information about the AHC Model, visit CMS at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm>.

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**Introduction to CSRs, ILPs, and Service Coordination for CILs**

**COURSE DATES:** October 24-November 11, 2016



**PURPOSE:** This online course provides a foundation on service coordination and consumer control, CIL core services, interviewing and assessing consumer needs, goal setting with consumers, and consumer service record documentation.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Executive Directors, Program Managers, and direct service staff of Centers for Independent Living.

**KNOWLEDGE LEVEL:** Beginner to intermediate.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Upon completion, participants will be able to provide consumers with more seamless service, describe the elements of effective core services, assist consumers to assess their needs and set their own goals, and maintain consumer service records and independent living plans that meet federal requirements.

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

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## **Speak Up to Protect Virginia's Schoolchildren from Dangerous Restraint and Seclusion!**



### **Summary:**

Restraint and seclusion are such dangerous practices that the Virginia General Assembly passed a tough law to protect children. But the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has proposed regulations that are contrary to the law. They are limited and narrow, would result in further harm to children, and limit accountability and notice to parents. The regulations are well-intended and some of the regulations are quite good. But overall, they have too many loopholes and Virginia's children will not be safe.

The VDOE will holding public forums on the proposed regulations on October 4-11 (scroll down for dates and locations). It is very important that families of children



who have experienced restraint and seclusion make their voices heard at these forums. Even if your child has not experienced seclusion and restraint, he/she will remain at risk under the new regulations proposed by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). Please join us in speaking out.

To read the full story and view 11 year old Alex's story (video) about seclusion and restraint, click [here](#).

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### Correction: 2017 Request for Proposals Now Available

Our previous email erroneously listed the application deadline for the FFY 2017 "Inclusive Communities Grant Program - Request for Proposal (RFP)" as November 17, 2016. The actual deadline is November 1, 2016.

Our apologies for any confusion this may have caused. The 2017 RFP, forms, and other related documents are available at <https://www.vaboard.org/grants.htm>. Questions can be directed to [Jason.Withers@vbpd.virginia.gov](mailto:Jason.Withers@vbpd.virginia.gov).

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### IDEA and Supreme Court

For the first time in more than three decades, the U.S. Supreme Court says it will consider how much educational benefit schools must provide students receiving services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The nation's high court said Thursday that it will hear arguments in a matter known as *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District*.

At issue is the IDEA's mandate that public schools provide children with disabilities a free appropriate public education, or FAPE.

This is a HUGE and could have a significant impact on many of our clients. Click [here](#) for the full story!

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