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ACL News & Information

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

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

NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

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

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April 19, 2016

President Signs Older Americans Act

Statement from Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee

President Obama signed the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016 into law today, reaffirming our nation's commitment to the health and well-being of older adults. Last July, the President called on Congress to reauthorize this important legislation as part of his remarks at the White House Conference on Aging.

For more than 50 years, the Older Americans Act has helped people live the lives they want, with the people they choose, throughout their lives. Through the aging services network, it has helped older adults continue to work, play and volunteer in their communities, to the great benefit of all. Because of the Older Americans Act, neighborhoods and organizations across the country are able to continue to draw upon the wealth of knowledge that comes only with life experience.

The OAA underpins a promise to preserve the right to live independently, with dignity, making everyday decisions according to our individual preferences and goals across our lifespan. This promise is more important than ever. In a few short years, more than 77 million people will be over the age of 60, and more than 34 million people - mostly family and friends - will be supporting a loved one who is over 60. These numbers will continue to grow for the next several decades.

The OAA affects everyone - older adults, people who help support them, and all of us who hope to one day grow old. I am delighted to see its reauthorization, and I am deeply grateful for



the renewed commitment to preserving the rights of all people,
for the full course of our lives.



UPDATES

April 20, 2016

Twitter Chat & Webinar: Bringing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to Your Community

Every June 15th, [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#) (WEAAD) serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to bring attention to the issue of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

WEAAD 2016 is quickly approaching, but there's still plenty of time for you to join the global movement and organize an event in your community.

Don't know where to start? Here are some resources to help you along the way:

Twitter Chat Tomorrow: #WEAAD2016 Ideas and Innovation



Whether you organize a WEAAD event every year or are getting

involved for the first time, follow [#WEAAD2016](https://twitter.com/WEAAD2016) on Twitter tomorrow, Thursday April 21, at 2pm ET to learn about and share event tips and ideas.

Discussion questions include:

- What activities has your community or organization done to commemorate WEAAD?
- If this is your first WEAAD event, what questions do you have?
- What is the biggest challenge you've overcome in hosting a WEAAD event?
- What are some other unique and fun WEAAD ideas you've heard about?

Save the Date: Getting the Word Out Webinar



May 11, 2016 - 2:00 PM Eastern

Get tips on how to effectively get the word out about your WEAAD event, from using a hashtag to answering questions from reporters.

Presenters include:

- Ann Mosher, Public Affairs Office, Office of External Affairs, Administration for Community Living
- Andrew Volmert, PhD., Director of Research, FrameWorks Institute
- Ana Poblet-Kouttjie, MPH, Project Coordinator, National Center on Elder Abuse, University of Southern California



Webinar registration will be open within the next week and a registration link will be sent out via ACL's [Facebook page](#), [Twitter account](#), and [listserv](#).

Check out the [WEAAD Tool Kit](#) for even more resources to help you plan an event.



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April 22, 2016

Colleagues in the D.C. Area: Attend the State of the Science Conference on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

[Registration](#) is open for the State of the Science Conference on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) hosted by the [ADA Knowledge Translation Center](#). There is no charge to attend. Space is limited.

Location: Hilton Alexandria Old Town, VA

Date: May 4th, 2016

Time: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Keynote Speakers:

- The Americans with Disabilities Act: What the Legal Research Reveals About Trends and Unanticipated Applications of the Law. Barry Taylor, J.D.; Vice President for Civil Rights and Systemic Litigation at Equip for Equality.
- The Limits of the ADA? Disability and Structural Inequality in the Post-ADA Era David Pettinicchio, Ph.D.;



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Assistant Professor, University of Toronto

View the [full agenda](#) and [register now!](#)



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Watch Live Wednesday: Elder Justice Coordinating Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 106, Washington D.C.
[Watch Live Online](#)



ELDER JUSTICE
COORDINATING COUNCIL

Council Meeting
LIVE STREAMING



WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 27, 2016
at 9:00 A.M.

The Elder Justice Coordinating Council (EJCC) brings together leaders from across the federal government to address issues of elder justice nationally.

The Spring 2016 EJCC meeting will build on momentum from the 2015 White House Conference on Aging and explore ways to further incorporate elder justice into the work of agencies throughout the federal government. During the meeting, national experts from government and private industry will discuss the issues of elder abuse research, the financial services industry's response to elder abuse and financial exploitation, and developments in training about elder abuse across a variety of fields.

Can't join in person? [Watch a live stream](#) of the meeting and



follow [ACL on Twitter](#) for live updates.

Additional meeting materials will be posted on [the EJCC page](#) before the start of the meeting.

EJCC Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

- **Kathy Greenlee**, Designated Chair and HHS Assistant Secretary for Aging
- Greetings from members of the Council
- Congressional Member Remarks

Panel Presentations

1. Research – Opportunities to Advance the Field

- **Jeff Hall**, PhD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Marie Bernard**, MD, Deputy Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health.
- **Carrie Mulford**, PhD, Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice.
- **Laura Mosqueda**, M.D., Director of the National Center on Elder Abuse

2. Financial Exploitation – Incorporating the Financial Services Industry Into the Work of Elder Justice

- **Jason Karlawish**, MD, Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
- **Ken Bentsen**, CEO, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association
- **Deb Whitman**, PhD, EVP AARP, Chief Public Policy Officer
- **Naomi Karp**, JD, Senior Policy Advisor, Office for Older Americans, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

3. Training – Expanding the Family of Responders

- **Andy Mao**, JD - Director of the DOJ Elder Justice Initiative
- **Stacy Rodgers**, MPA, Social Security Administration, Agency Chief of Staff
- **Mark Lachs**, MD, Cornell Weill Medical Center, Co-Director New York Center on Elder Abuse



The Work Ahead - Kathy Greenlee

National Healthcare Decisions Day Update

Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs

Dear National Healthcare Decisions Day Team:

We did it...AGAIN! NHDD 2016 was a great success from all that I can tell.

Although my observations are all fine and good, I need your help in confirming our success, and it is best to do so while things are fresh.

The participant survey is

here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016NHDDParticipantSurvey> **Note: it only takes a few minutes to complete.** From just 22 survey responses so far, I know we reached several thousand people. In prior years, we've confirmed reaching millions, so please, please complete the survey.

Stay tuned for a full report of our activities. In the meantime and separate from the survey, please keep sending me specific stories, photos, media links, resources you developed, etc.

Go Team NHDD!

Appreciatively,

Nathan

Chair

National Healthcare Decisions Day Initiative

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Virginia Center on Aging *Age in Action* Newsletter

Cecily Slasor, on behalf of Dr. Edward Ansello, Virginia Center on Aging

Dear Friends,

Greetings for the spring. I am pleased to attach a link below to the new spring 2016 issue of our quarterly *Age in Action*.

This issue features a case study on the troubling matter of financial exploitation of older adults, the impact of undue influence on vulnerable elders, and the possible role of legislative initiatives in preventing the exploitation. This issue also has a good variety of articles: a short piece on ageism across cultures; a summary of the highly innovative Hack Fest for family caregiving, where students from seven colleges and universities competed to design working apps to help caregiver health, all within an intense 26 hour format; a representative sampling of many resources to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities deal with grief and loss, developed by Bill Gaventa of the Collaborative on Faith and Disability; an overview of the numerous partnerships that a small institution, Lynchburg College, has developed to improve aging-related community life; and more. There are also editorials on the competing voices on what older adults need, and on happenings in the Commonwealth; Calendar notices; and other blurbs and items. As you'll see, much of the content is generalizable.

Please consider sending in essays and Calendar events. We'd be happy to add newcomers to our e-mail distribution list. Tell people that they can write me directly at eansello@vcu.edu and I'll add them.

With best wishes,

Ed

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ADA In Focus - A One Day Conference on the Americans with Disabilities Act

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A one-day conference on the Americans with Disabilities Act

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Richmond, Virginia • May 10, 2016

A one-day conference on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa - Short Pump

12042 West Broad Street - Richmond, VA 23233

Please join us to learn from the experts on the ADA! Pre-Conference Session

"ADA Overview" Monday, May 9 - 1:00 - 4:30 PM

No additional charge!

Tuesday morning plenary panel session featuring speakers from Federal Agencies:

- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- United States Access Board
- Federal Transportation Administration

Keynote Address:

John Wodatch

Retired Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U. S.



Department of Justice

Tuesday afternoon breakout sessions will include tracks on:

- Accessibility & Design
- ADA & Employment
- Transportation
- Title II - ADA Coordinator

Continuing Education

Sessions at this conference have been approved for credit by:

- American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- HR Certification Institute (HRCI)
- Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)
- Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC)

Registration fee is \$99

Mid-Atlantic ADA Resource Network members can save an additional \$25!

Not a member? Visit [Mid-Atlantic ADA Center Resource Networks](#) or contact Mid-Atlantic ADA Center at ADAtraining@transcen.org to learn more about our ADA Leadership Network, Community Partners Network or Title II Network.

For room reservations contact:

[Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa - Short Pump](#) at [1-804-364-3600](tel:1-804-364-3600) and ask for the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center Room Block.

For further information and to register:

[ADA In Focus Virginia <http://www.adainfo.org/training/ada-focus-virginia>](http://www.adainfo.org/training/ada-focus-virginia)

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

The Mid-Atlantic ADA Center invites corporations, organizations and agencies to become sponsors of ADA In Focus Virginia 2016. Contact us for more information.



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Please share this information broadly with your friends and colleagues.

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From NASUAD

President Barack Obama Signs Older Americans Reauthorization Act

On Tuesday, April 19, President Obama signed into law S.192, the Older Americans Act reauthorization. The Senate originally passed S.192 in July of 2015, and the House passed an amended version of the bill last month. On April 7, 2016, the Senate passed the amended version and sent it to the President for his signature. NASUAD and our membership are very grateful to the President, Members of Congress, and their staff who have worked tirelessly to pass this important piece of legislation. We particularly want to thank the President for his support of older persons and individuals with disabilities. While the funding changes won't occur until FY2017 through the normal appropriations process, but programmatic changes are now law and to be implemented by the appropriate agencies. The legislation includes many important provisions which seek to modernize the OAA to reflect the current and future realities of the Aging Network. NASUAD is very supportive of the language that amends the Act to promote state flexibility, person-centeredness, and cultural and linguistic competence in the administration and delivery of OAA services. Additionally, NASUAD supports the provisions in the bill to increase elder justice efforts across the country. We are also supportive of the increased funding authorizations for crucial OAA services. [Click here](#) to view the letter.

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Integration Tracker

NASUAD has published the April 2016 Edition of the 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.

Register Today for the Iowa Conference on Aging & Disabilities!

NASUAD is proud to be sponsoring a National Aging and Disabilities Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, **May 23-May 26**. This conference will draw speakers from over 30 states. Participants will join us from federal, state government and local organizations. Still not sure if this conference is for you? Read some of these reasons to attend:

- This is an opportunity to meet service providers, advocacy groups, state staff,



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managed care organizations, CMS officials, national association staff to share questions, opportunities, and ideas in thoughtful discussions;

[Click here](#) to learn more and register. Use code **APRIL** for a savings of \$35!

Register for the 2016 AIRS I&R Conference

Registration is open for the 38th annual AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference to be held **May 22-25, 2016**, in St. Louis, Missouri. The National I&R Support Center welcomes aging and disability I&R/A professionals to join us in St. Louis for the National Aging and Disability Information and Referral Symposium held during the AIRS Conference.

The Symposium offers a pre-conference National I&R/A Summit for aging and disability professionals, an Aging and Disability Luncheon, and a full complement of workshops throughout the conference. This year's pre-conference summit will have a special focus on person centered thinking and practices featuring an interactive presentation from Michael Smull, a national expert on person centered systems and a partner in Support Development Associates (SDA). Symposium workshop sessions will feature national, state, and local professionals presenting on key topics impacting aging and disability I&R/A programs such as quality assurance and customer satisfaction, aging caregivers, innovations in transportation services, transition for youth with disabilities, and resources for serving diverse consumers. For a full list of conference workshops, [visit AIRS](#).

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



HCBS Clearinghouse E-Clips

Evaluation of the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative

Mathematica Policy Research released a report that evaluated the implementation and impacts of Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) initiative over its first two years. In October of 2012, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) launched the CPC initiative to test a new model of care delivery for about 500 primary care practices. This report evaluates how different factors, like participation, have changed during the initiative's first two years. CPC created requirements that primary care practices must meet and annual milestones to help improve five functions: access and continuity; planned chronic care and preventive care; risk-stratified care management; patient and caregiver engagement; and coordination of care across the medical neighborhood.

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

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.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: Create Compelling Communications for WEED

The Administration for Community Living is



hosting a webinar to help participants create compelling communications for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Attendees will get tips on how to effectively get the word out about WEAAD events, from using a hashtag to answering questions from reporters. Presenters include Ann Mosher, Public Affairs Office, Office of External Affairs, Administration for Community Living; Andrew Volmert, PhD., Director of Research, FrameWorks Institute; and Ana Poblet-Kouttjie, MPH, Project Coordinator, National Center on Elder Abuse, University of Southern California. Webinar registration will be open within the next week and a registration link will be sent out via ACL's Facebook page, Twitter account, and listserv. [Click here](#) to view details.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CMS' CCSQ Open Door Forum on Informed Decision Making

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) is hosting a Special Open Door Forum (SODF) to allow patients, families, caregivers, patient advocacy groups, disabled groups, low-income health patients, other consumers and interested parties to ask questions on The Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act (commonly called the IMPACT Act) and standardizing the assessment of patients across post-acute care settings of Skilled nursing facilities, Home Health Agencies, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, and Long Term Care Hospitals to improve quality of care and quality of



life.

The purpose of this SODF call is to allow patients, families, caregivers, patient advocacy groups, disabled groups, low-income health patients, other consumers and interested parties to provide information and to solicit feedback on the introduction of the IMPACT Act and standardizing the assessment of patients across post-acute care settings to improve quality of care and quality of life. This Special Open Door Forum will provide background on the IMPACT Act, The IMPACT Act website, and other important consumer information in assessing patients in the post-acute care setting. CMS invites questions from patients, families, consumers and consumer advocates in advance, or during the forum. The SODF will take place on **Friday, May 12, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET** via conference call only.

[Click here](#) to view details for the call.

[Click here](#) to submit questions.

Medicare Advantage Data for Racial and Ethnic Minorities

On Tuesday, April 19, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of Minority Health released new data regarding the quality of care for people with Medicare Advantage categorized by racial and ethnic group.

"This is the first time that CMS has released Medicare Advantage data stratified by race and ethnicity. Increasing understanding and awareness of disparities and their causes is the first step of our path to equity," said Dr. Cara James, director of the CMS Office of Minority Health. "While these data do



not tell us why differences exist, they show where we have problems and can help spur efforts to understand what can be done to reduce or eliminate these differences."

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

From the Supreme Court

Chief Justice Uses Sign Language to Swear in Deaf Lawyers

In an historic first, U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts used sign language from the Supreme Court bench on Tuesday as he welcomed a dozen deaf and hard-of-hearing lawyers who took part in a ceremony authorizing them to argue cases before the court.

The 12 members of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bar Association were sworn in as members of the Supreme Court bar. After they were presented to the court for admission, Roberts signed in American Sign Language: "Your motion is granted."

From Other Organizations

Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

Eighth Edition of the Standards and Quality Indicators for I&R

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems published the 8th edition of their Standards and Quality Indicators for Professional Information and Referral. The purpose of the AIRS Standards is to establish reference points that define expected



practices within the field of Information and Referral (I&R) that can be used to measure the extent to which individual organizations are in compliance with those requirements. AIRS Standards provide essential guidelines that can be used to develop an I&R program to meet the needs of communities.

The process to revise and update the Standards took more than a year and involved input from many I&R professionals including work groups on a range of issues including resource database quality issues, I&R outcomes and service delivery performance metrics. The new edition of the AIRS Standards is a comprehensive upgrade, representing perhaps the most substantial reorganization of the material in recent times, with minor and major changes throughout the document to reflect emerging trends and changes in I&R.

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

Long Term Quality Alliance

LTQA Releases Two New Products

LTQA released two products from their ongoing work to develop the business case for LTSS integration:

The [Working Paper](#) is a descriptive study that defines the intervention of LTSS integration-what integration is and how it works. The case studies describe program approaches to and experiences with managing cost and quality outcomes through integration.

The [Taxonomy](#) specifies the key components of



integration and describes varying degrees of integration for each component. It is intended to serve as a standard reference point for the characterization of integrated programs and comparisons between different programs.

The Working Paper and Taxonomy are part of a larger project to measure the impact of LTSS integration on cost and quality outcomes. By clearly defining LTSS integration, this study lays the foundation for later work that will quantify the impact of integration.

[National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center](#)

Webinar: VA Mobile Adult Day Health Care Program

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center is hosting a Technical Assistance (TA) webinar on the Veteran's Administration Mobile Adult Day Health Care Program. Presenters Karen Massey, RN, BSN, Geriatrics and Extended Care (GEC) Chief, Strategis and Transformational Initiatives, Veterans Health Administration Central Office (VACO); and Karen Elechko, Registered Nurse, Golden Memory Dementia Clinic will teach participants about how the VA Mobile Adult Day Program meets the specific needs of people with dementia through its programming, staff training, and support to caregivers. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, May 5, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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



Oral Health America

Webinar: Oral Health America's Wisdom Tooth Project

Oral Health America's Wisdom Tooth Project (WTP) Webinar series consist of monthly webinars to provide a forum for organizations to share information about initiatives and activities related to older adults. The May webinar will focus on the work being done within their older adult program, the Wisdom Tooth Project. Explore the program's strategies of: Health Education and Communications, Toothwisdom.org, Professional Symposia, Demonstration Projects, and Advocacy. Discover opportunities in which you can join in, or collaborate with, OHA's efforts and activities. At the conclusion of the webinar, participants will be able to: Understand the work being done at Oral Health America; identify the five strategies of the Wisdom Tooth Project; and recognize OHA's older adult advocacy efforts. Oral Health America experts, Andie Kyros, Wisdom Tooth Project Program Coordinator and Bianca Rogers, Advocacy Coordinator will be presenting this webinar. This webinar will take place on **Thursday, May 5, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Events

Accelerating the Use of Evidence in Health Care Practice, Policy, and Decision Making

The Mathematica Center on Health Care Effectiveness is sponsoring a policy forum and live



webinar on accelerating the use of evidence in health care practice, policy, and decision making. The event will describe the PCORI Dissemination and Implementation Framework and Toolkit and reflect on challenges in accelerating the use of evidence in practice, policy, and decision making. A panel of speakers representing practitioners, policymakers, and patients will respond to the presentation and offer their own perspectives on challenges to accelerating the use of evidence in health care decision making. Speakers for the webinar are: Dominick Esposito, Mathematica; Jessica Heeringa, Mathematica; David Knutson, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Amy Kratchman, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Robert Phillips, American Board of Family Medicine; and Jennifer Reck, National Academy for State Health Policy. Pre-registration is required for this event. The event will take place via live webcast and in person at the Mathematica Office in **Washington, DC, on Thursday, May 12, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.**

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

Jobs & Internships

AARP Seeks Director of Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

AARP is seeking applicants for the position of Director, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Legal Council for the Elderly. The director will be responsible for directing the activities of the office; representing and advocating for residents of nursing homes and CRFs in court and administrative



proceedings; establishing and maintaining a district-wide computer system for receiving and tracking complaints, collecting, compiling, and analyzing data, compiling monthly, quarterly, and annual reports; recommending and proposing changes in federal and local laws, regulations, rules, and policies affecting residents of nursing homes, assisted living residences, CRFs and home based care and providing technical assistance to legislators in formulating new laws. Qualified applicants must have a minimum of an advanced degree in Public Administration, Gerontology, Law or a related discipline, with a minimum of 6 years of experience required in advocating for the rights of individuals, including 1 year of experience in training and supervising volunteers; or an equivalent combination of training and experience related to the duties of the position. All applications must be submitted by **Monday, May 2, 2016**.

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

Funding Opportunities

Senior Community Service Employment Program National Grants

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of approximately \$338,520,000 in grant funds authorized by Title V of the Older Americans Act (OAA) as amended in 2006, Pub. L. No. 109-365 for the Community Service Employment for Older Americans program commonly referred to as the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), for National Grants for Program



Year (PY) 2016. SCSEP is the only Federally-sponsored employment and training program targeted specifically to low-income older individuals who are able to enter or reenter the workforce. Program participants receive paid work experience at local public or non-profit agencies and are paid the higher of the Federal, State, or local minimum wage, or the prevailing wage for similar employment, for approximately 20 hours per week while in community service and other job training (OAA Amendments § 502(b)(1)(J); 20 CFR 641.565(a)). The dual goals of the program are to promote useful opportunities in community service job training and to move SCSEP participants into unsubsidized employment. This is a four-year grant, renewable annually for each of those four years based on annual Departmental application requirements and subject to the availability of funds. The grant may be extended for a fifth year at the Department's discretion, contingent upon the grantee meeting or exceeding the minimum negotiated performance measures as required by section 514(a) of the OAA Amendments and 20 CFR 641.700. All applications are due by **4:00 p.m. ET on Friday, April 29, 2016.**

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

Disability & Rehabilitation Research Projects Program: Employment of People with Disabilities- Development

The Administration for Community Living released the development grant opportunity for the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Project Program (DRRP): Employment of Individuals with



Disabilities. The purpose of NIDILRR's Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act). Under this particular DRRP priority, applicants must propose a development project that is aimed at improving the employment outcomes of individuals with disabilities. In carrying out a development project under this program, a grantee must use knowledge and understanding gained from research to create materials, devices, systems, or methods beneficial to the target population, including design and development of prototypes and processes. Please note that this will be the Funding Opportunity for field-initiated DRRP development projects in the employment domain. NIDILRR plans to make two field-initiated DRRP awards in the employment domain. NIDILRR's field-initiated DRRP awards in the employment domain may include research projects, development projects, or both, depending on the ranking of applications provided by the peer review panel. All applications are due by **11:59 p.m. ET on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.**



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

Rides to Wellness Demonstration & Innovative Coordinated Access Grants

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of approximately \$5.3 million of funding from two programs to support the Rides to Wellness Demonstration and Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grants (R2W Demonstration Grants). The goal of the competitive R2W Demonstration Grants is to find and test promising, replicable public transportation healthcare access solutions that support the following goals: increased access to care, improved health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs. Eligible applicants include: States, Tribes, and designated or direct recipients for funds under 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5310 or 5311. Proposers must serve as the lead agency of a local consortium that includes stakeholders from the transportation, healthcare, human service or other sectors. Members of this consortium are eligible as subrecipients. Further, proposers must demonstrate that the proposed project was planned through an inclusive process with the involvement of the transportation, healthcare and human service industries. Eligible projects must have implementation ready capital and operating projects that enhance access, such as: mobility management; health and transportation provider partnerships; technology; and other actions that drive change. These R2W Demonstration Grants will develop best practice solutions that other communities can replicate. All applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. ET on**



Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

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

State Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) released a grant opportunity for states to enhance Adult Protective Services. This demonstration is designed to provide states funding to strengthen their APS systems statewide, to include improvement in practice, services, and data collection and reporting, as well as their technical ability to interface with ACL's National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS). Eligible applicants are the state government offices that administer the state's adult protective services and/or elder protective services program. Recipients of an award under this program in FY 2015 are NOT eligible to apply for funding under this opportunity. Foreign entities are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement. All applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.**

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A Focus on Housing for Veterans



APRIL 2016

TAC is fully involved in our nation's deepening commitment to effectively end homelessness among veterans. With both in-house expertise and cross-agency collaboration, TAC actively supports a range of efforts that draw on current promising practices in the field.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) is a federal program to provide rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention services to an inclusive range of



veterans, and to their families as well. Through written guidelines, remote and web-based support, and direct one-to-one and group trainings, TAC supports grantees administering SSVF. We also support the development, maintenance, and overall implementation of "SSVF University," the program's online information hub. Click [here](#) for more information about federal program SSVF.

Together with partners, TAC has developed a series of toolkits (click here for [toolkits](#)) and peer-to-peer webinars for the Vets@Home initiative. Vets@Home provides technical assistance to Continuums of Care striving to meet the federal goal of ending homelessness among veterans, with a primary focus on helping to achieve the Federal Benchmarks and Criteria (click [here](#) to view Benchmarks and Criteria).

TAC's popular Database of Vouchers for People with Disabilities offers state-by-state listings of Veterans Affairs for Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers, which are designated specifically for homeless veterans (click [here](#) to access Database).

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Promoting the Multifamily Homeless Admissions Preference



Photo credit: TAC consultant Naomi Sweitzer with HUD Denver Multifamily Hub staff who participated in a HUD Multifamily Property Owners Round Table on Adopting a Homeless Preference last month: Romana Urrutia, Craig Nelson, and Marcie LaPorte.

Through a joint project of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), TAC provides customized technical assistance to help HUD-assisted multifamily housing owners in eleven cities focus their resources on those in the greatest need. A multifamily housing admissions preference for applicants experiencing homelessness can be a critical tool in helping a community to end homelessness (view the toolkit [here](#)). TAC provides tailored TA to meet the needs of each community, from intensive education for groups new to the initiative, to ongoing "light touch" assistance as needed for communities farther along in the implementation process.

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Early Bird Registration Rates for NCIL's 2016 Annual Conference End at Midnight April 29!



ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON INDEPENDENT LIVING 2016

Open our Annual Conference Guide [here](#) [for plain text, click [here](#)] to find everything you need to know about the 2016 Annual Conference.

Then, register online [here](#) or click [here](#) to access the printable Registration Form (for plain text, click [here](#)). Online registration gives you the ability to register up to three attendees with one transaction and accepts Discover, American Express, Visa and MasterCard.

All registrations received and paid before April 29, 2016 are eligible for the Early Bird registration rates.

This year, you can use NCIL's custom links to reserve your room at the Grand Hyatt or Marriott Metro Center (click [here](#) to reserve room).

Click [here](#) for additional details available on our Conference webpage. See you in July!

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Notice of Proposed Priority under the Innovation Fund--Transition Work-Based Learning Model Demonstrations



The Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services announces a priority under the Innovation Fund--Transition Work-Based Learning Model Demonstrations (CFDA 84.421B). The Assistant Secretary may use these priorities, requirements, and definitions for competitions in fiscal year (FY) 2016 and later years. We take this action to identify, develop, implement, and evaluate effective work-based learning models that will help students with disabilities prepare for postsecondary education and competitive integrated employment. The models must be delivered through a coordinated system of transition services.

The priority is announced today in the Federal Register (Volume 81, Number 71 (Wednesday, April 13, 2016)), Pages 21808-21814. We welcome your input and feedback.

We must receive your comments on or before May 13, 2016. The notice includes detailed instructions for comment submission.

The Notice of Proposed Priority can be found here:

For Text version, click [here](#).

For PDF version, click [here](#).

For further information please contact: RoseAnn Ashby, telephone: (202) 245-7258, or by her email at roseann.ashby@ed.gov. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.



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Please note: The Department will review and address public comments after the comment period closes. The Department is not permitted to comment on ideas or proposed designs for responding to a notice of final priority for this program

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CIL-NET Presents...Financial Management Workshop for CILs: Regulations and Beyond

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Are you trying to keep up with all of the new guidance and regulations for CILs? We can help!

The CIL-NET is offering an updated version of our popular financial management workshop to give your CIL the latest information on compliance and financial management practices. Whether you are new to nonprofit accounting or are looking to bolster your Center's financial policies and procedures, you will learn exactly what you need to do to strengthen your Center, effectively manage finances, and ensure compliance with federal regulations. Led by John Heveron, a certified CPA with over 40 years working with non-profits - including Centers for Independent Living - this workshop will give you the skills and resources that are essential to sound financial management in a thriving Center for Independent Living. For more information and registration, click [here](#).

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A National Teleconference - RESNA Catalyst Project: Providing Assistive Technology Support and Technical Assistance



NCIL Presents... A National Teleconference



RESNA Catalyst Project: Providing Assistive Technology Support and Technical Assistance

Wednesday, April 27, 2016; 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Join us on April 27th for an introduction to RESNA's Catalyst Project, including an overview of Statewide Assistive Technology Programs and Alternative Financing Programs. If you are new to Independent Living or assistive technology, this presentation will be a great place to learn how you and your consumers can access, try out, and even pay for assistive technology to live independently in the community.

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

Click [here](#) for registration and more information

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Supported Decision Making

View the YouTube video [here](#).

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Housing Virginia Sourcebook



Housing Virginia has released the most recent Sourcebook update, which brings quarterly data sets up to 2015 Q4 and annually updated data to its most recently available year. Be sure to take a few minutes to visit the site and explore our newly updated data.



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If you're a first-time user, you can watch the video at the end of this newsletter for a 30-minute tutorial on how to best utilize Sourcebook.

Click [here](#) to view the updated Sourcebook data.

VDA Weekly E-Mailing

Click [here](#) for the latest issues of the VDA Weekly E-mailing.



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

OLDER VIRGINIANS MONTH

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.6 million adults in the Commonwealth who are over 60 years old, and this population will expand to more than 2 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS, each May the U.S. Administration for Community Living recognizes older adults for their contributions to the nation; and

WHEREAS, the focus this year is on how older adults are trailblazers—advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities—paving the way for future generations; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for May is "Blaze a Trail," which emphasizes the value of raising awareness about issues facing older adults and helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Area Agencies on Aging and Senior Centers, integral parts of Virginia's aging network for wellness and supportive services, have welcomed this year's theme and will raise the importance of community engagement; and

WHEREAS, together they will work with local school districts to incorporate a poster contest as an intergenerational activity to honor older adults in the community; and

WHEREAS, they will create pocket folders for senior center participants to be a repository of each person's vital emergency and medication information to promote aging in place; and

WHEREAS, a Conversation on Community Living in partnership with the local Parks and Recreation Department will take place to discuss current and new services; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Senior Olympics, senior prom, senior dances, senior days, picnics, talent shows, health fairs, and finally, short hikes that "Blaze a Trail" will take place, all in honor of seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, in collaboration with state level and community partners, is responsible for planning and oversight of aging, disability, adult and adult protective services that make community living a reality for more older adults; and

WHEREAS, a Virginia Governor's Conference on Aging will be held in conjunction with Older Virginians Month on May 2-3, 2016, with the theme "Designing Our Future" to assist the Commonwealth in developing policies to promote the health and well-being of Virginians as the population ages;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize May 2016 as **OLDER VIRGINIANS MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Terence R. McAuliffe in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Jewell M. Taylor in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth