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<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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July 06, 2016

[Blog: A Dialogue on Diversity, Disability, and Civil Rights in Kansas City](#)

By Aaron Bishop, Commissioner, Administration on Disabilities

In my time at ACL, I have been a part of many conversations about disability and diversity. Usually, these involve disability advocates talking to each other about the need for more diverse voices in our movement and greater cultural and linguistic competency in our programs. These conversations, and the actions they inspire, make the disability community stronger. They must continue, but they are just one part of a larger picture.



Last week I had the privilege of participating in a community conversation in Kansas City, Mo. that was unique.

The group of more than 20 local leaders was convened by ACL, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, and the Institute for Human Development (IHD) at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. It was memorable because it built on these conversations within the disability community to consider how we could accomplish more by collaborating with local leaders working on other civil and human rights issues.

Congressman Cleaver kicked off the event by reminding us that diversity has made our country stronger and more beautiful. He spoke about the contributions of the Mormon community as an example of this diversity. He also spoke about the contributions of African Americans with disabilities as an example of the diverse subgroups that exist within every group. Congressman Cleaver emphasized the importance of viewing our civil rights work as connected, speaking of disability rights



in the context of Dr. Martin Luther King's fight for civil rights and quoting Muhammad Ali, who once said, "Everyone needs someone in their corner."

[Read about themes and lessons from the Kansas City dialogue.](#)



UPDATES

July 6, 2016

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs Final Rule is Now Effective

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs final rule became effective on July 1, 2016. A culmination of several years of collaborative work with states and other partners, this rule guides implementation of the portions of the Older Americans Act governing grants to states for operation of Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs.

The rule addresses:

- Responsibilities of key figures in the system, including the Ombudsman and representatives of the Office of the Ombudsman;
- Responsibilities of the entities in which LTC Ombudsman programs are housed;
- Criteria for establishing consistent, person-centered approaches to resolving complaints on behalf of residents;
- Appropriate role of LTC Ombudsman programs in resolving abuse complaints; and
- Conflicts of interest: processes for identifying and remedying conflicts so that residents have access to effective, credible ombudsman services.

What happens now?

Over the coming months, we will be reviewing states' progress



toward implementing the rule and working with them to resolve any issues that are identified. We are available to states, long-term care ombudsman programs, and all other stakeholders for training, technical assistance, and support.

For more information see:

- The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program final rule (Please note that the rule at 45 CFR 1327 has been re-numbered. The new number is 45 CFR 1324. [Information at the Federal Register](#))
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the LTCOP Rule
- [Technical Assistance and Resources](#) provided by the National LTC Ombudsman Resource Center
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the 2016 Older American's Act Reauthorization



UPDATES

July 7, 2016

[Be Prepared for Extreme Heat](#)

By Kathleen Votava, Office of Regional Operations, Administration for Community Living

As summer is upon us, this is an important reminder regarding planning for and responding to periods of extreme heat. It is a



time to prepare yourself and those in your care. Whether you are an older adult, an individual with a disability, or a family member caring for a loved one with functional needs, each person's requirements and abilities are unique. During periods of extreme heat, every individual can take important steps to put plans in place and prepare for potential risks, such as power outages. By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan, you can be better prepared for any situation.

A Commitment to planning today will help you prepare for extreme heat situations. Take actions to include:

- Consider how periods of extreme heat, including risk for potential power outages, might affect your individual needs.
- Plan to help yourself at least for a period of time. It's possible that you will not have access to a medical facility or a pharmacy.
- Identify what kind of resources you use on a daily basis and what you might do if they are limited or not available. For example, make provisions for medications that require refrigeration or plan arrangements for any assistance to get to a cooling center if needed.
- [Build A Kit](#) with your unique considerations in mind. What do you need to maintain your health, safety, and independence during periods of extreme heat? For example, include any specialized items in your kit that you may need such as extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, catheters, medication, food and water for service animals, and any other items that you might need.
- Plan to check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.
- Plan to check on service animals more frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat.

Resources and tools are available for community-based organizations including the [Extreme Heat Social Media Toolkit](#), [Extreme Heat Public Service Announcements](#), and the [Extreme Heat Infograph](#). The [HHS emPOWER Map](#) features the



monthly total of Medicare beneficiaries with electricity-dependent equipment claims at the U.S. state, territory, county, and zip code level to identify the areas and populations that may be impacted and at risk for power outages.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) works with agencies such as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and others to help spread the word about extreme heat.

Information about extreme heat preparedness and response can be found at ready.gov/heat for seniors, individuals with access and functional needs, and others.

Join us in being prepared for extreme heat: Be Informed, Make a Plan, Build a Kit, and Get Involved.



[Webinar: Legal Planning Essentials for Persons with Dementia](#)

Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 3:00-4:00 pm ET

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center will welcome David Godfrey, J.D. to present the webinar, "It is all about the Future: Legal Planning Essentials for Persons with Dementia" on July 20, 2016.

Webinar participants attend this webinar will:

1. Review the benefits of legal planning for the future of a person with dementia.
2. Review the urgency and obstacles of legal planning for persons with dementia.
3. Understand how supported decision-making principles interact with legal planning to ensure that the choices that



are made reflect the wishes of the person with dementia
[Learn more and register for this webinar.](#)



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[ACL Grants Increase Older Americans' Access to Legal Services](#)

ACL recently announced grant awards totaling over \$1.2 million to help older adults gain access to quality legal services. These awards are designed to help improve the quality of life of elders at risk of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation in their communities.

The Model Approaches to Statewide Legal Assistance Systems (Model Approaches) demonstration grants are designed to help states expand and improve the capacity of their legal service delivery networks to effectively respond to priority legal issues impacting seniors in the most social or economic need. The awards will become effective on August 1, 2016 and will provide 8 states with funding in the amount of \$1,244,154.

ACL awarded Phase I grants to State Units on Aging in Tennessee and Wisconsin, and Phase II grants to State Units on Aging in Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Virginia.

[Learn more about the grant awards and how each state plans to](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Provides leadership and vision in planning services, coordinating community programs, developing new initiatives and fundraising. Must work effectively with the Board of Directors, elected officials, local governments, Advisory Council, advocacy organizations, agency staff, volunteers and older individuals and families receiving services. Is responsible for administration, personnel and financial management including the monitoring of programs and subcontractors.

Must possess a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in business or public administration, gerontology, social work or a closely related field. A Master's degree is preferred. Strong written and oral communication skills and public relations skills are critical. Should have a minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible administrative or supervisory experience in either a public or private agency.

Salary commensurate with experience.

CDAAA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified older persons are encouraged to apply for this position.



**Applicants must submit resumes by Noon on Friday, July 29, 2016.
Send resumes to: CRATER DISTRICT AREA AGENCY ON AGING,
P. O. Box 1910, Petersburg, Virginia 23805.**



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:

DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the right to vote is an important civil liberty that helps contribute to the health of the American political system and the people who participate in it; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 50 million people with disabilities of all ages who live in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state, and national levels that effect the integration of people with disabilities into our communities; and

WHEREAS, voting is one way for the disability community to participate in local, state, and national policymaking; and

WHEREAS, getting the disability community involved in public policy is essential to ensure that policies meet the needs of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is committed to a comprehensive effort to support Virginians with disabilities – including defending voting rights, ensuring that Virginia is welcoming to all people, maintaining a world class public education system for all students, and building a more diverse economy that creates broad-based prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Virginians can register to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles or their local general registrar's office, by filling out a paper application and mailing it to their local registration office, or completing an online form on the Department of Elections' website (vote.elections.virginia.gov); and

WHEREAS, Virginians can learn about voter registration and voting accommodations for people with special needs on the Department of Elections' website (elections.virginia.gov/registration/voters-with-special-needs); and

WHEREAS, in July 2016, people with disabilities and their supporters will celebrate the 26th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of People with Disabilities and members of the disability rights community are organizing a National Disability Voter Registration Week July 11th – July 15th;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize July 11-15, 2016, as **DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomas in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Commonwealth



FRIDAY UPDATES

NASUAD

July 8, 2016

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From NASUAD

NASUAD State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Report

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) published a new report that offers data from the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program organizational structure survey that was conducted in early 2015. This survey was conducted through one-on-one telephone interviews with each State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Information for the survey focused on four basic topic areas: Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, management of regional/ district/ local program offices, volunteers, and comments regarding current structure. The report includes a standard organizational structure chart and a flow structure with more detailed information regarding roles and responsibilities for all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

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



Regulations Released

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*National Aging and
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Partnerships

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Persons with Dementia

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State: Quality
Improvement for
Individuals with I/DD: A
Proposed Framework

*UNH, KE, AUCD:
Webinar: nTIDE Lunch

NASUAD I&R Center Webinar: Disability & Rehabilitation Resources

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on Disability and Rehabilitation Resources that attendees can use to help consumers with disabilities of all ages. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 20, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

If your agency and your partners are looking for good, evidence-based programs, tools, and materials that can help clients with disabilities, then this webinar is for you! The grantees of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) generate a wealth of ready-to-use guides, tools, webinars, and more for everything from creating welcoming congregations to testing the accessibility of the local health club. Our presenter, Jessica Chaiken, Media and Information Services Manager, HeiTech Services, Inc. for the National Rehabilitation Information Center, will sample the diverse library of NIDILRR-funded resources that your agency can use right now to help people with disabilities live independently, and show you where to find more. This webinar is an encore presentation of a session given at the 2016 AIRS I&R Conference. **Pre-registration is required for this webinar.** Space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.

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

Registration for the 2016 HCBS Conference is Open!

Join us for the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference held in Washington,



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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.

HCBS Clearinghouse E-Clips

This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit www.nasuad.org/hcbs for more information.

Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Report

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released their monthly report for April 2016 on Medicaid and CHIP application, eligibility determination, and enrollment data. States provide



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data to CMS on factors related to key application, eligibility, and enrollment processes using the Medicaid and CHIP Performance Indicator Project. The data is then used to inform CMS on the operations of the programs in each state and to share state performance data publicly.

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

From the Administration

[Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)

Addendum to 2016 Medicaid Managed Care Rate Development Guide

On Friday, July 1, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published an informational bulletin to announce an addendum to the 2016 Medicaid Managed Care Rate Development Guide. The revision is in response to the publication of the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care Final Rule (CMS-2390-F, 81 FR 27498) on May 6, 2016. The bulletin discusses the provisions of the final rule that took effect on July 5, 2016 as well as the inclusion of new managed care requirements within states' 2016 rate development

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

[Departments of Labor and Education](#)

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Regulations Release

On Thursday, June 30, 2016, the U.S. Departments of



Labor and Education announced the advanced posting of five rules implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA legislation is designed to strengthen and improve the public workforce system and help get Americans, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, into high-quality jobs and careers as well as help employers hire and retain skilled workers. The five rules will be published in the Federal Register in the coming weeks.

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Joint Rule for Unified and Combined State Plans, Performance Accountability, and the One-Stop System Joint Provisions; Final Rule
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Department of Labor-Only Final Rule
- Programs and Activities Authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Final Rule
- State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program; State Supported Employment Services Program; Limitations on Use of Subminimum Wage; Final Rule
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Miscellaneous Program Changes; Final Rule

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

From Other Organizations

[Altarum Institute](#)

How Can Pharmacists Help Prevent Falls

On Wednesday, July 6, 2016, the Altarum Institute



published the blog, "How Can Pharmacists Help Prevent Falls among Their Older Patients?" The post discusses the repercussions of falls for older adults, such as life-altering injuries, physical and emotion distress, and loss of independence. The authors also describe the opportunities that pharmacists can contribute to fall prevention through medication management.

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

[Gerontological Society of America](#)

World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics Call for Abstracts

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

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

[National Aging and Disability Business Center](#)

Webinar: Finding Champions and Building



Partnerships

The National Aging and Disability Business Center, a collaboration of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and (n4a) and the American Society on Aging (ASA), has an upcoming webinar entitled "Finding Champions and Building Partnerships between CBOs and Healthcare Entities." This seminar will provide practical strategies that can enable community-based organizations (CBOs) to establish positive working relationships with physician groups, hospitals and health plans. Engaging champions is likely necessary to form relationships, move a relationship to a pilot or ongoing contract, and ensure the program's success after the contract has been signed. The webinar will describe typical sources of resistance and successful strategies to combat it, based on the presenters' successful efforts.

[Click here](#) to register.

National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

Webinar: Legal Planning Essentials for Persons with Dementia

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) is hosting the upcoming webinar, "It is all about the Future: Legal Planning Essentials for Persons with Dementia." During this session, participants will 1) review the benefits of legal planning for the future of a person with dementia, 2) review the urgency and obstacles of legal planning for persons with dementia, and 3) learn how supported decision making principles interact with legal planning to ensure choices made reflect the



wishes of the person with dementia. The session is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

National Council on Aging

September is Senior Center Month

Every September, the National Council on Aging's National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) sponsors "Senior Center Month." This year's theme is "Find Balance at Your Center". Senior Month is intended to highlight the opportunities that senior centers provide for older adults to be engaged physically, mentally, and emotionally in the community. NISC published Senior Center Month materials, including their Senior Center Month program guide to provide ideas for celebration activities. In addition, NISC is hosting their annual national conference for senior centers on Monday, September 26 to Wednesday, September 28.

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

National Quality Forum

Home and Community Based Services Quality Measure Comments

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is convening a stakeholder committee to develop recommendations for the improvement of quality measurements of home and community based services (HCBS). NQF released the third interim report, "Addressing Performance Measure Gaps in Home and



Community Based Services to Support Community Living: Priorities for Measure Development," to guide the changes of future quality measures. NQF encourages individuals to view the report and make comments by **Friday, July 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Oral Health America

Webinar: Barriers to Food Access: Experiences by Older Adults

The Wisdom Tooth Project, an Oral Health America Program, hosts a monthly webinar series to provide a forum for organizations to share information about initiatives and activities related to older adults. The upcoming session, "Barriers to Food Access: Experiences by Older Adults," will discuss the issue of food insecurity as it relates to older adults. The presentation will cover topics such as causes of food insecurity, preparing meals, nutrition, barriers to food access programs, and measurement issues. The webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 26, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

UnitedHealthcare Community & State

Quality Improvement for Individuals with I/DD: A Proposed Framework

This week at the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities' (NACDD) Annual Conference in Washington, DC, UnitedHealthcare



Community & State released a White Paper unveiling a proposed quality framework for managed care programs serving individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (ID/DD). The framework, developed by UnitedHealthcare's National Advisory Board, extends beyond traditional clinical measures to benchmark the quality of the "services and supports" delivered in these programs to measure how these programs address individuals' quality of life.

The measures are person-centered, outcomes-focused, and adoptable in any Medicaid program in which services for individuals with ID/DD are in a managed care delivery system. The White Paper calls consumers, advocates, and policymakers to action to implement consistent quality frameworks across the country to improve the ability to measure the quality of these programs both over time and across states, which cannot be done today.

Donna Meltzer, CEO of NACDD, is a member of the National Advisory Board and was instrumental in the development of both the framework and the White Paper. Martha Roherty, Executive Director of NASUAD, is also a member of the National Advisory Board and participated in the NACDD conference, voicing her endorsement of the ID/DD framework on the Opening Plenary panel.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, you can send an email to IDDQuality@UHC.com.

[Click here](#) to view the white paper.



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), have launched 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, July 8, 2016, at 12:00 p.m ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

Jobs & Internships

Virginia Seeks Director for Division for the Aging

The Division for the Aging within the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) is seeking a Director. The Division promotes the independence and well-being of older Virginians and supports their caregivers through leadership, advocacy, and oversight of state and community programs, and guides the Commonwealth in preparing for an aging population.



Qualifications include extensive experience in aging or human services programs administration and management; extensive experience managing diverse, geographically dispersed programs, and developing policies and objectives to accomplish goals; demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with individuals from diverse social and economic environments and groups with different needs and issues; demonstrated ability to communicate information effectively in writing and verbally; demonstrated ability to organize and manage multiple and sometimes unrelated responsibilities and to establish priorities; proficient in the use of MS Office, including Excel, PowerPoint, Publishing, Word and Outlook. Applications are due by **Friday, July 15, 2016**.

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

TMG seeks Long Term Care Screening Specialist

TMG is seeking a Screening Specialist who lives in Chippewa County, Price County, Rusk County or Taylor County, Wisconsin to be responsible for completing the Adult Long-Term Care Functional Screens (LTC-FS) for participants of the IRIS program. This includes completing annual re-screens and any change in condition screens. The Screening Specialist will use the Adult LTC-FS tool for IRIS participants as required and outlined in the Wisconsin Adult LTC-FS Instructions. This includes completing collateral contacts to verify screen findings with IRIS Consultants, MAPC agencies and day programs, and verifying diagnosis information



with physicians and or SSA. Screening Specialists are also responsible for tracking screening requests electronically and participating in the development, process improvement, and ongoing quality management of the services provided. Applications are due by **Friday, July 29, 2016**.

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

Funding Opportunities

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. PCORI seeks to fund multiple, large, multi-site, community-based comparative effectiveness research (CER) studies to generate evidence in support of this goal. The funding announcement will be released in August 2016. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is **Wednesday, September 14, 2016**.

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

An applicant town hall session will be held to provide an overview of PCORI and information needed to submit a LOI. The session is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 13, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET**.



[Click here](#) to register.

Wyoming Seeks HCBS System

The Wyoming Department of Health is seeking a contractor to provide a commercial off the shelf (COTS) system, or previously developed system that is operational and configurable, to support Wyoming's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Programs. The system will replace the current Electronic Medicaid Waiver System (EMWS) that is used to manage the state's five Medicaid Waiver Programs. The Agency's vision is to acquire a system that contains the functionality of the current EMWS and incorporates the functionality for medical assessments, currently housed in the Public Health Nurse Informatics System (PHNI), and functionality for provider enrollment, re-enrollment, credentialing, re-credentialing, certification, and re-certification, currently housed in the Information Management for Providers System (IMPROV). The awarded contract will include three base years beginning on January 1, 2017, or when the transition phase criteria are met. Three additional one year extensions will be available based on the vendor and system performance. Proposals will be accepted through the Public Purchase online bidding system until **Monday, July 18, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to access the Public Purchase System.

Partnerships in Employment Systems Change

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) released the Partnerships in Employment Systems Change grant. The purpose of the funding opportunity is to encourage state partnerships and



systems change efforts that will contribute to the 1) the development of policies that support competitive employment in integrated settings as the first and desired outcome for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities including intellectual disabilities; 2) the removal of systemic barriers to competitive employment in integrated settings; 3) the implementation of strategies and best practices that improve employment outcomes for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and 4) enhanced statewide collaborations that can facilitate the transition process from secondary to post-secondary school, or other pre-vocational settings, to complete employment in integrated settings. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, public and private institutions of higher education, independent school districts, nonprofit organizations, and public housing authorities. All applications are due by **Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

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

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

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announced two new funding opportunities that seek to expand the readiness of community-based aging and disability organizations (CBO) for contracting with integrated care entities, and prepare state agencies and CBOs to be active stakeholders and partners in the development and implementation of integrated care systems.

The Learning Collaboratives for Advanced Business



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

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

The original closing date for both applications was Monday, July 11, 2016. ACL extended the closing date to **11:59 p.m. ET on Thursday, July 28, 2016, for both applications.**

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

Disability Employment Initiative

The Department of Labor Employment and Training Administrated announced a new grant opportunity, the Round VII of the Disability Employment



Initiative (DEI). The purpose of the program is to provide funding to expand the capacity of American Job Centers (AJCs) to improve the employment outcomes of three population focus areas: 1) adults with visible and non-visible disabilities, including those who have acquired disabilities in adulthood; 2) youth with visible and non-visible disabilities, including those who have chronic health conditions; and 3) individuals (ages 14 and older) with significant disabilities. The DEI plans to accomplish this by increasing participation in career pathways systems and existing programs in the public workforce system in partnership with vocational rehabilitation, community colleges and other education, human service, and business partners. Capitalizing on the flexibility that the career pathways model provides to use innovative service delivery strategies, grantees will use the award to support job-driven approaches in their pre-existing career pathway systems and programs. This will further equip individuals with disabilities with the skills, competencies, and credentials necessary to help them obtain in-demand jobs, increase earnings, and advance their careers. The Department intends to award at least one cooperative agreement in each of three population focus areas. Applications are due by **Monday, August 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

New York Seeks HCBS Contractor

The New York State's Department of Health (DOH), Office of Health Insurance Programs, Division of Long Term Care has issued a request for proposals to hire a contractor to help the State implement their



[Statewide Transition Plan](#) required under the federal [HCBS Waiver Rule](#) (CMS 2249-F/CMS 2296-F). The contractor will work to ensure that settings across all agencies serving individuals with disabilities are compliant with the new rule. This is a three-year contract to ensure compliance across the State by March 17, 2019. The contractor will assist state personnel in assessing and remediating residential and non-residential settings to ensure that they meet the requirements of the HCBS rule where Medicaid-funded home and community based services are provided under the authorities of 1915(c), 1915(k) and the 1115 waiver demonstration.

Activities will include: 1) Site visits to assess compliance; implement corrective actions plans, when necessary; and ensure that compliance has been achieved; 2) Participant and stakeholder interviews to ensure that individual's receiving Medicaid-funded HCBS are receiving person-centered care and that any modifications to settings are appropriately individualized; 3) Data collection and reporting to ensure that the State is carrying out its Statewide Transition Plan; 4) Identifying sites that will require an additional federal review called "heightened scrutiny" in order to be allowed as sites for participants in Medicaid-funded HCBS to live and/or receive services (sites that are presumed institutional); 5) Compiling evidence packages that include public comment on all sites presumed to be institutional under the rule to show that they have the characteristics and qualities of an appropriate home and community based setting; and 6) Establishing a monitoring plan and tools using the State's existing surveillance schedules and staff to



ensure ongoing compliance. Submissions are due by **Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to submit a proposal.

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Karen Michalski-Karney to present at ILRU Housing Training



Karen Michalski-Karney, Executive Director of Blue Ridge Independent Living Center, is one of the featured presenters at ILRU's upcoming housing training, "Affordable, Accessible, Integrated Housing: Expanding Options for People with Disabilities". The training will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania August 23-25, 2016. For more information and registration, please click [here](#).

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REV UP Virginia!

CILS Across Virginia are REVVING UP to Get Out the Disability Vote!

As part of AAPD's national get-out-the-vote effort for people with disabilities called REV UP, CILs across Virginia are organizing around REV UP Virginia. REV UP Virginia is working to support full political participation for people with disabilities and is kicking off with National Disability Voter Registration Week from July 11-15th. Here's how some of the CILs are Revving Up:

- Appalachian Independence Center is conducting disability etiquette training for local poll workers and working with local voter registrars to assist people with disabilities in obtaining photo IDs and absentee voting.
- Blue Ridge Independent Living Center is providing voter registration information to local housing authorities and the DMV 2 Go Bus.
- Disability Rights and Resource Center is meeting with local voter registrars to provide technical assistance on polling place accessibility in advance of the November election.
- disAbility Resource Center is hosting an Open House on July 11th from 1-6pm celebrating the 26th anniversary of the ADA. dRC will have a REV UP table to support voter registration and signing the REV UP voter pledge. Additionally, dRC participated in an interview with Comcast Newsmakers (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8YVLWUW3aI>) on REV



UP Virginia and submitted a resolution to the Fredericksburg City Council that will be adopted at the July 12th meeting.

- Endependence Center Inc. is hosting a “Get Out the Vote” event on July 11th that includes a presentation from the disAbility Law Center of Virginia on voter registration rights and information from the voter registration office.

Don't forget to like REV UP Virginia on FaceBook

(<https://www.facebook.com/REVUPVirginia>) and follow on Twitter

(@revupvirgina)

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Setting Sail: Providing Solutions for the Inclusion of People with Disabilities



Event Details

7/20/16 8:30 am - 10:30 am
Networking: 8:00-8:30am
Program Time: 8:30-10:30am

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
701 East Byrd Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Segment #1: Navigating the Bermuda Triangle of ADA, FMLA and Workers Compensation

Presented By: Karen S. Elliott, attorney with Eckert Seamans.



As a labor and employment lawyer, Karen helps clients navigate the alphabet soup of the 40 or more employment laws from the ADA, FMLA, GINA, OSHA to USERRA and the myriad federal agencies such as DOL, EEOC and NLRB.

Because Karen is a trial lawyer, she understands the complexities involved in going to court, and helps clients work to resolve issues before they become legal issues. But as an experienced trial lawyer, she knows how to navigate agency investigations as well as courtroom drama.

Segment #2: Charting a Course to Support Virginians with Disabilities

Presented By: James A. Rothrock, Commissioner of DARS



After a sledding injury in 1965, Jim completed his college education at St. Andrews Presbyterian College and obtained his master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. For more than 40 years, Jim has been involved in human services advocacy and programming, serving in positions including counselor, trainer, lobbyist, adjunct professor, and executive director.

He has served as an agency head in the Wilder, Warner, Kaine, McDonnell, and McAuliffe Administrations. As the first Commissioner of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, he leads the agency's efforts to provide and advocate for the highest quality of services and supports to help Vintage Virginians and Virginians with disabilities realize successful careers and independent lives in livable communities.

To register (no cost), click [here](#).

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IL-NET's new on-demand presentation, Strategies for SILC Resource Plan presented by Ann McDaniel is now posted for your review. The presentation will assist you with identifying new revenue sources, understanding what the law now allows around resource development, and identifying ways to work collaboratively with your DSE to expand your programs and maximize your mission.

After viewing the presentation, you will be prepared to then join Ann on **July 13, 2016** at 3:00 PM Eastern for her "live" question and answer session, where you can share your own strategies or get answers to your questions about SILC Resource Planning.

This on-demand presentation and live Q & A are designed to be of benefit to SILC Chairs, Executive Directors, staff and Council members to address your SILC's strategic resource planning. Click [here](#) for more information, including registration.

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RSA Announces Final Rules to Strengthen Employment and Training Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities

Dear Colleagues:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration is proud to announce the posting of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) final rules. The final rules, along with several guidance documents, are available on the RSA website. Click [here](#) to view the WIOA final rules. *Note: These versions of the regulations may vary slightly from the published document if minor technical or formatting changes are made during review by the Office of the Federal Register. Only the version published in the Federal Register is the official regulation.*

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LISC Names Maurice Jones as New CEO



On June 16, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) announced that Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade Maurice Jones was named as their new President and CEO. The LISC board unanimously selected Jones, who will replace Michael Rubinger, a community development pioneer, on September 6th this year.

"For me, this is a remarkable opportunity to lead one of the country's outstanding change-agents," Jones said this week. "LISC has staff all across the country who spend every day connecting with community leaders, policymakers, capital providers, and, of course, committed residents who together want to solve some of the nation's toughest problems. I could not be more excited about this work."

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

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Workshop Helps Participants Manage Chronic Conditions

RIL and Senior Connections have been providing a Chronic Disease Self-Management class to the public for some time. They recently combined staff for another class and the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* was there and provided an informative article.

To view the article, click [here](#).

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*Catalyst for Change
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Honoring Howard Cullum

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Reception begins at 6:00PM and Awards at 7:00PM

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