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### **ACL News & Information**

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

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

### **NASUAD Weekly Update**

Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

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

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

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## UPDATES

**July 14, 2016**

### **ADA Audio Series: ADA Anniversary Update - Celebrating 26 Years**

The NIDILRR-funded [Great Lakes ADA Regional Center](#) will host an audio conference: [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Anniversary Update: Celebrating 26 Years](#) on July 19th, 2-3:30pm ET. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will provide updates on current enforcement activities as well as new technical assistance and training activities from their agencies. The session will include a question and answer period. [Registration is free and required](#) and continuing education credits are available.

[Learn more](#) about the ADA National Network and the ten regional centers that provide information, guidance and training on the ADA. This information is tailored to meet the needs of business, government and individuals at local, regional and national levels.



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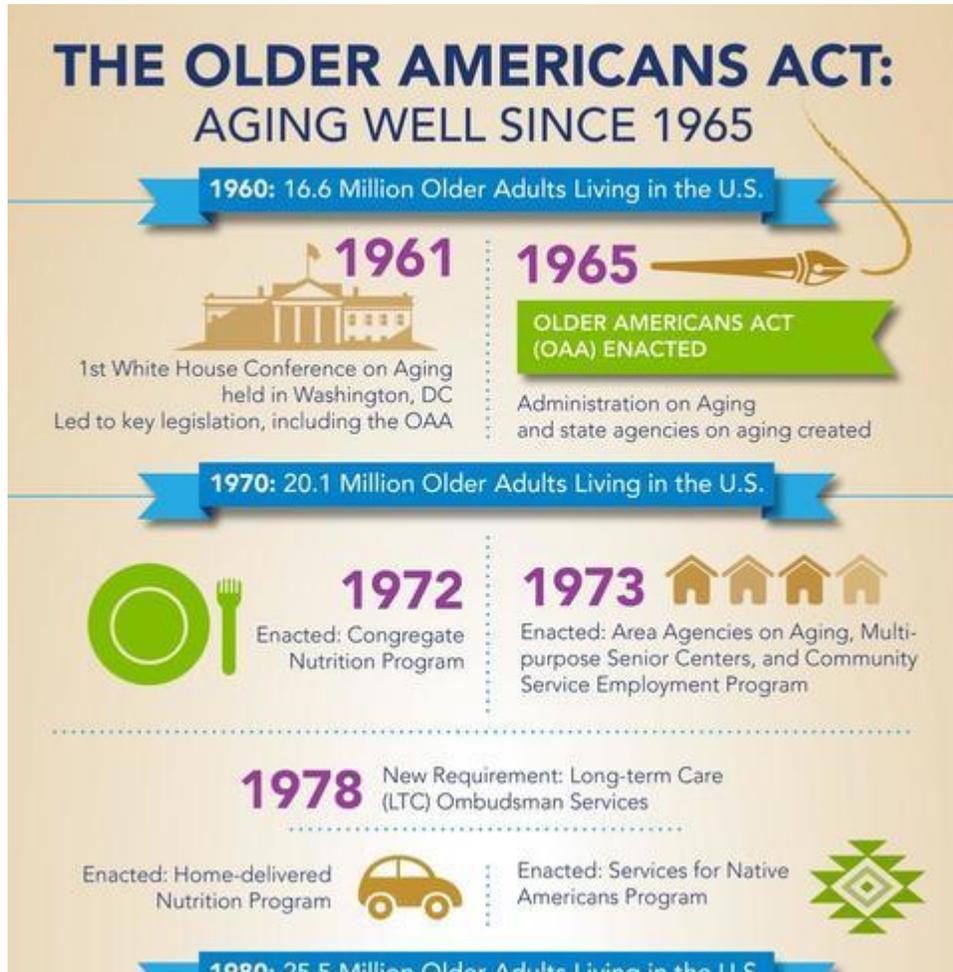
### **[Celebrating 51 Years of the Older Americans Act](#)**

*"The Older Americans Act clearly affirms our nation's sense of responsibility toward the well-being of all of our older citizens. But even more, the results of this act will help us to expand our opportunities for enriching the lives of all of our citizens in this country, now and in the years to come."*

President Lyndon B. Johnson spoke these words 51 years ago today as he signed [the Older Americans Act](#) (OAA) into law. In the decades since, the OAA has indeed enriched the lives of many as the foundation for a system of services and supports that helps millions of older adults continue to work, play, and volunteer in their communities, to the great benefit of all. 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.

In April of this year, Congress passed and the President signed [a reauthorization of the OAA](#), reaffirming our nation's commitment to the health and well-being of older adults. This was the latest of many milestones for the law over the last 51 years.

Learn about earlier milestones and the OAA's impact on older adults today.



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### **New VICAP Program Specialist**

*Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs*

Anita Squire, who has been serving as the DARS Coordinated Care Educator, has been promoted to the position of VICAP Program Specialist, effective July 10. In this capacity, she will also serve as the State MIPPA Lead. Anita brings a wealth of knowledge and experience about Medicaid, Medicare and managed care to the position. She has a B.I.S. in Human Services from Virginia State University and an A.A.S. in Accounting from John Tyler Community College. Anita worked as an Eligibility Worker at the Hopewell Department of Social Services for 8 years and as a Benefit Programs Specialist at Prince George Department of Social Services for 10 years before coming to DARS in April, 2014. Her experience with the Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) Program will be invaluable as we are look



forward to the transition from CCC to Managed Long term Services and Supports (MLTSS) in 2017.

In addition to her new position, Anita has a lot of excitement in her life. She is also a busy grandmother. Her older son just had a baby boy, Alijah, who joins his two older sisters. Anita's only daughter is getting married on July 22, and her younger son will be graduating soon from Old Dominion University.

Please help us welcome Anita to her new role. Pam Smith, State VICAP Director, is very anxious and grateful to have someone as knowledgeable as Anita to assist her with all of the upcoming VICAP activities, including the Annual VICAP Coordinators' Meeting and Medicare Open Enrollment.

### **Professional Development Opportunity**

*Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs*

The American Society on Aging (ASA) and USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology are presenting two five-week [online certificate courses](#) at a \$500 fee per person.

[Fundamentals of Gerontology](#) – This course is suitable for all professional levels, whether you are a seasoned professional looking for a refresher or you are new to aging and seeking an introduction to the foundational concepts and theories in gerontology and a broader understanding of the aging field. All courses are taught by USC School of Gerontology faculty.

[Health and Wellness in an Aging Society](#) – This course offers information, best practices and effective models that are readily applicable in all work settings. It is taught by some of the nation's leading experts in aging – specialists in healthcare, chronic disease management, dementia/mental health, and medication management.

Enrollees who successfully complete the course work, quizzes and a final evaluation will receive a prestigious certificate of completion from the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. Concurrent with this opportunity, ASA is offering nonmembers a discount on membership for individuals enrolling in either course. Simply enter discount code USCB when you enroll and your membership will be only \$175, a savings of \$73.

Please visit the online course webpages – [Fundamentals of Gerontology](#) and [Health and](#)



[Wellness in an Aging Society](#) for downloadable course descriptions, sample video clips, schedule and enrollment information.

Bob Blancato, Chair  
American Society on Aging

## **National Rehabilitation Association Conference**

*Susan Gaillard, Training Coordinator DARS*

The **National Rehabilitation Association (NRA) Conference** will be held at the Omni Richmond Hotel in downtown **Richmond**, on **September 13-15, 2016**. We are fortunate to have this national conference come to Richmond this year with sessions covering a variety of relevant and current topics including Workforce Investment Opportunities Act (WIOA), Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) regulations and practices, Ethics for Rehabilitation professionals, rehabilitation leadership, emerging trends in VR, collaboration/partnerships, counseling techniques, and more!

This conference will provide a wonderful opportunity to network with other rehabilitation professionals from across the country, as well as provide an opportunity and forum in which to highlight some of the innovative and effective practices we have within Virginia DARS!

Additionally, this year's **Collaborations Conference** is scheduled for **November 16-18, 2016** and will be held again this year at the Hilton **Virginia Beach** Oceanfront.

I am pleased to report that funding is available this year to support staff interested in attending both the NRA and the 2016 Collaborations Conference as follows:

- Up to **80** DARS staff from the Division of Rehabilitative Services (field), and DARS Central Office will be approved to attend one or the other (40 at each of the conferences). Those approved will receive financial support for registration costs, not to exceed Early Bird Member Rate or Non-member Registration rates.

We hope to maximize conference attendance so would like to ask that those who are selected to attend the NRA Conference be a different group from those selected to attend Collaborations. Understandably, there may be the need for a small percentage of attendees to attend both conferences, if they happen to be working on both planning committees and / or are selected to present at both conferences.



- Current funding levels allow us to support lodging and M&IE costs (2 nights maximum) for those attendees who are either presenting at a session and/or those who played a significant role in the planning for either conference.

*Presenters/Planning Committee members who seek agency support for travel/lodging costs will need to obtain approval from Susan Gaillard to insure adequate funding is available.*

**For all other attendees, the agency will sponsor REGISTRATION ONLY.**

Should more than 40 people express interest in attending a single conference, priority will be given to:

- those presenting during the conference,
- those who served on the planning committee for the conference and/or
- those who have not been able to attend this conference before.

*Please let me know if you are interested in attending either of these conferences. I will also need to know whether you are a VRA (or APSE member for Collaborations), qualifying for member rates and, finally, whether you serve on the planning committee for either conference and/or plan to present at either conference, qualifying for support of lodging and M&IE costs, if needed.*

Since we must send the Decision Brief downtown for Secretary Hazel's approval, accompanied by a full list of attendees and anticipated costs, I need to hear back from you fairly quickly so we can have the necessary approvals in place, notify attendees of their approval and allow time for registration, all before the Early Bird deadline which is quickly approaching.

***A response by August 1 would be most appreciated.*** Though this is technically the early bird registration deadline for the NRA Conference, I am told DARS will be given some flexibility with that deadline as we are supporting a large number in attending.

### **Old Dominion University Study/Survey on Caregiving**

*Cecily Slasor on behalf of Kim Tarantino, SeniorNavigator*

Old Dominion University is currently conducting a study of family caregivers. The purpose of this study is to examine the use of services as it relates to the unmet needs of informal caregivers for adults 65 years of age or older living in Virginia. Unmet needs can include physical, mental, and/or tangible (financial, respite, transportation, etc) needs of informal caregivers. This research will examine factors affecting the utilization of services by you, an informal caregiver, as well as explore



the relationship between service use and caregiver burden and stress. The information collected in the survey will be helpful in determining future programs and services for both caregivers and aging adults. We hope that we will be able to not only influence program development, but also policy relating to this topic.

Ryan Marie Diduk-Smith is a doctoral candidate at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. She can be contacted at [rdidu001@odu.edu](mailto:rdidu001@odu.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

[https://odu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_a9rcWfFZWFRVcEJ](https://odu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a9rcWfFZWFRVcEJ)

Kim Tarantino

Director of Communications & Community Partnerships, SeniorNavigator

### **ZIKA Virus**

*Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs*

To learn more about the Zika virus, go to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) webpage at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/zika-virus-update/>

VDH has a Zika toolkit that can be accessed at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/news/toolkits/zika-toolkit/>

### **April is Advance Care Planning Month/National Healthcare Decisions Day**

*Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs*

During the 2016 Session of the Virginia General Assembly earlier this year, the Virginia House of Delegates passed a number of pieces of important legislation, including House Joint Resolution 87.

[HJR 87](#) designates April, in 2016 and in each succeeding year, as Advance Care Planning Month in Virginia.

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June 16, 2016

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**National Healthcare Decisions Day teams up with The Conversation Project**  
*Advance care planning advocates join forces to make a greater impact as the national holiday celebrates its 10th anniversary*

**RICHMOND, VA and CAMBRIDGE, Mass.** | Two organizations are unifying in an effort to change the way Americans approach advance care planning. In a survey conducted by The Conversation Project in 2012, 90 percent of respondents said they believe it is important to discuss their end-of-life care wishes. Yet, that same survey also found that only 30 percent of those individuals are actually having the conversations. Similarly, 70 percent of people say they want to die at home, but in reality, 70 percent die in hospitals or institutions.

Working to close this gap are two like-minded advance care planning advocates: The Conversation Project, which works to ensure that everyone's end-of-life care wishes are both expressed and respected, and organizers of the widely recognized, National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) held every April 16, which encourages education and awareness on advance care planning through grassroots community events. The two organizations are joining forces to lead NHDD's 10th anniversary events in 2017.

Effective June 16, 2016, The Conversation Project will be responsible for the management, finances, and structure of NHDD. NHDD's founder, Nathan Kottkamp, will continue to be involved in NHDD and provide leadership by helping to guide the transition process, and ensuring the maintenance of NHDD's high quality resources and support for the community.

With the full power of The Conversation Project behind it, NHDD aims to expand its reach and boost the number of providers, hospitals, organizations, communities, and institutions that are currently involved. To date, over 110 national and 1,600 state/local organizations have pledged their support and/or contributed to NHDD activities. Approximately 3 million members of the general public have participated in NHDD events or received advance directive information as a result of NHDD activities. "The Conversation Project is the natural choice to take on National Healthcare Decisions Day because it's closely aligned with NHDD's mission and my own passion for this work," says NHDD founder Nathan Kottkamp, also a partner of Health Law at McGuireWoods.

"National Healthcare Decisions Day is widely respected and followed across the country. Nathan has done an incredible job keeping up with the traffic, demand, and excitement that this day invokes," says Ellen Goodman, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and founder of The Conversation Project. "We are honored that the NHDD leadership has chosen The Conversation Project to lead this movement forward and are excited to work alongside Nathan and his team to bring this national holiday into our family of resources."

Goodman founded The Conversation Project in 2012 after having been her mother's caregiver and health care decision-maker for many years. Had Goodman had conversations with her mother before dementia impaired her ability to share her desires, she might have felt more comforted about the

choices she faced. The goal of The Conversation Project is to help loved ones die in the way they would choose, honoring their wishes in death the same way we do in life – with dignity, respect, and deep compassion. Studies show that when there is a meaningful conversation about end-of-life choices, survivors report feeling less guilt, less depression, and an easier process of grieving.

“In my line of work I hear heartbreaking stories each day where a family member is now being called upon to make a series of difficult decisions for someone else without guidance or anything in writing,” says Kottkamp. “These conversations are crucial for everyone and especially those who have been diagnosed with a serious illness or anyone with a large family where there is an inherent possibility of disagreement. To borrow a frequent line from The Conversation Project: It’s always too soon, until it’s too late.”

As a health care lawyer with a master’s degree in bioethics, Kottkamp has always been passionate about healthcare ethics issues while working diligently to demystify advance care planning. As a young adult, he completed his own advance directive at the age of 20. He was just five years into his legal practice when Terri Schiavo’s end-of-life care captured the attention of the American public. A legal struggle over private end-of-life care decisions ensued with family tensions being played out in the public arena, due largely to Ms. Schiavo’s lack of documented advance care planning. Her story ignited nationwide discussion and debate, and the first Virginia Advance Directives Day was born under Kottkamp’s leadership in 2006. After two years, the effort was expanded to become “National Healthcare Decisions Day.” NHDD is observed by Americans from all walks of life each year on April 16, the day after tax day, inspired by Benjamin Franklin’s quip, “*Nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.*”

Kottkamp also noted the invaluable support that the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) has provided since the inception of NHDD, “NHPCO has been an incredible supporter of NHDD, lending its resources to establish and then maintain the website, provide substantive resources, hold a dedicated fund for NHDD donations, and countless other activities. I look forward to NHPCO’s continued involvement in NHDD, and I will remain grateful for NHPCO’s assistance in making NHDD what it is today.”

For more information about The Conversation Project or National Healthcare Decisions Day, visit [TheConversationProject.org](http://TheConversationProject.org) and [NHDD.org](http://NHDD.org) or follow @convoproject and @NHDD.

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July 15, 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.

### **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.**



with Dementia

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Check out NASUAD iQ!

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, 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



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

## **Mathematica Report on MLTSS Rate-Setting**

On Friday, July 1, 2016, Mathematica Policy Research published a report that summarizes the basic approach to rate-setting in Medicaid managed care and reviews the main options for structuring managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS) rates. It presents examples from states with financial alignment demonstrations as well as long-standing MLTSS programs. The report concludes by highlighting the policy and operational considerations that should influence a state's choice of strategy.

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

## **From the Administration**

### **Administration for Community Living**

#### **Grant Awards Announced to Increase Older Americans' Access to Legal Services**

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) recently announced grant awards totaling over \$1.2 million to help older adults at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation gain access to quality legal services. 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. 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.



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

## **Promoting Community Living for Older Adults Who Need Long-term Services and Support**

The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Center for Policy and Evaluation published the policy brief "Promoting Community Living for Older Adults Who Need Long-term Services and Support." June marked the 17th anniversary of the Olmstead v. LC Supreme Court decision. The Olmstead decision has helped older adults and people with disabilities receive more integrated care. The policy brief outlines opportunities that states have to further improve their home and community-based services (HCBS).

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

## **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

### **Annual Re-determination of Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy Deemed Status**

On Friday, July 15, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published an informational bulletin to provide an update on the next steps for the annual redetermination of Medicare Part D low-income subsidy (LIS) deemed status, also known as "re-deeming." The information provided is aimed at helping states understand the process and their role in ensuring that dual eligible beneficiaries have timely, affordable, and comprehensive coverage under the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit.

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

### **Projections of National Health Expenditures Data**

The Office of the Actuary in the Centers for Medicare &



Medicaid Services (CMS) annually produces projections of health care spending for categories within the National Health Expenditure Accounts, which track health spending by source of funds (for example, private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid), by type of service (hospital, physician, prescription drugs, etc.), and by sponsor (businesses, households, governments). The latest projections begin after the latest historical year (2014) and go through 2025.

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

## Disability.gov

### New "Quick Links" Webpage

Disability.gov has added a new webpage of "quick links" and phone numbers for easy access to information and resources. The addition was made in response to feedback that visitors were looking for a way to find information faster and a phone number to call in order to find resources within their own communities.

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

## From Other Organizations

### LEAD Center

#### Review of the Final Rules Implementing Titles I and IV of WIOA, from a Disability Perspective

The National Center on Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities (LEAD) published two policy briefs to provide a summary from a disability perspective on the Final Rules implementing Title I (Workforce Development Systems) and Title IV (State Vocational Rehabilitation) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). These policy briefs highlight important requirements and activities that will favorably



impact individuals with disabilities nationwide.

[Click here](#) to view the policy briefs.

## 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 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 (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. The webinar is scheduled for **Friday, July 22, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## National Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Resource Center

### **Webinar: Engaging HIV+ Older Adults in Chronic Disease Self-Management Education**

The National Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME) Resource Center, funded by the Administration on Aging (AoA), is hosting a webinar about the impact of HIV among older adults. The webinar will also discuss the benefits of the Positive Self-Management Program (PSMP) and examples of PSMP implementation from the field. The session is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 19, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## National Quality Forum

### **Webinar: HCBS Committee Meeting**

The National Quality Forum (NQF) published the last interim report, "Addressing Performance Measure Gaps in Home and Community-Based Services to Support Community Living: Priorities for Measure Development." It details the findings and milestones in the home and community-based services (HCBS) quality project performed under contract with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The HCBS Committee will host a meeting for members and the public on **Thursday, August, 4, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00**



**pm. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

## 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**

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](mailto:IDDQuality@UHC.com).

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

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

### **nTIDE Jobs Report**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics in collaboration with the Kessler Foundation and the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability published this month's National Trends on Disability Employment report (nTIDE). Each month this report is published to mark the changes of employment for people with disabilities.

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

## Jobs & Internships



## Crater District Area Agency on Aging Seeks Executive Director

Crater District Area Agency on Aging (CDAAA) in Petersburg, Virginia is seeking an Executive Director that provides leadership and vision in planning services, coordinating community programs, developing new initiatives, and fundraising. The Director 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. In addition, the Director is responsible for administration, personnel, and financial management including the monitoring of programs and subcontractors.

The successful candidate will be expected to have 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 also critical. Candidates should have a minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible administrative or supervisory experience in either a public or private agency. Applications are due by **Friday, July 29, 2016**.

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

## TMG seeks Long-Term Care Screening Specialists

TMG is seeking three Screening Specialists in 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 for Chippewa, Price, Rusk, or Taylor Counties

[Click here](#) to view the posting for Milwaukee, Ozaukee, or Washington Counties

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## Funding Opportunities

### 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.

## Native American Independent Living Demonstration Project



The Administration for Community Living (ACL), Independent Living Administration (ILA), announced a new funding opportunity that intends to 1) gain an increased understanding of service needs of Native Americans with disabilities living in Indian Country; 2) improve cultural competence in regards to the needs of specific tribal organizations targeted by current (Centers for Independent Living) CIL grantees; and 3) capture lessons learned and best practices for outreach and service delivery for Native Americans with disabilities, a traditionally under-served population. To achieve these goals, ACL is seeking applications from existing CIL grantees to develop capacity and demonstrate how to provide the five CIL core services in Indian Country. The grant application is due by **Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

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

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

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

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### **DARS Independent Living Weekly Newsletter**

*Marcia DuBois, Livable Communities Coordinator*



## INDEPENDENT LIVING Weekly Newsletter

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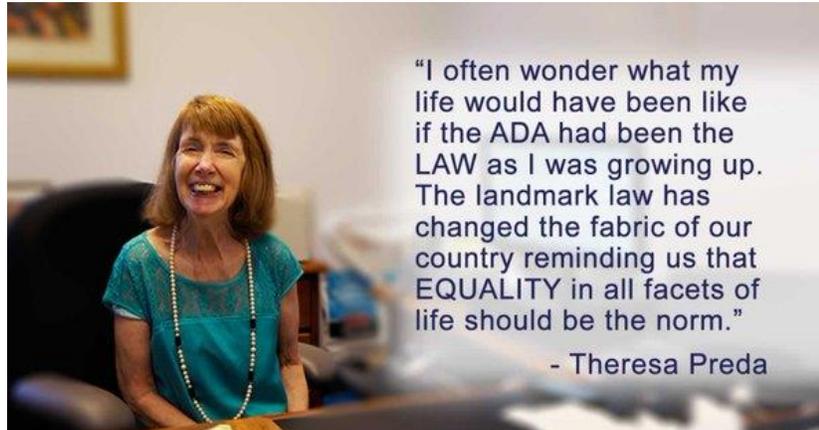
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**DARS Mourns the Loss of Theresa Preda**



The independent living community was deeply saddened by the loss of one of its great mentors. Theresa Preda passed away peacefully last week after a brief illness. She was a tireless advocate and leader in the Independent Living movement. Theresa served as the DARS Director of Independent Living for nearly thirty years and was a founding member of ADAPT and the National Council of Independent Living. She was well-known for her vibrant, feisty personality and her abounding commitment to independent living. DARS is a memorial service to honor her later in summer or early fall.

From Commissioner Rothrock:

*I come to you with great sadness to share the news that one of our esteemed, valued, and, beloved by many, colleagues, Theresa Preda, died earlier this week. She had a fall in February and additional medical complications resulted in her most untimely death. She distinguished herself for three decades as our leader in the Independent Living program that changed our agency and the manner in which we serve Virginians with disabilities.*

*But even before she came to our agency in the late 80s, she was a pioneer and hero in the birth of the IL movement nationally. As one of the few women in the movement, she shaped the IL philosophy and, with other heroes like Ed Roberts, defined disability advocacy. Her efforts helped form the most effective disability advocacy organization – ADAPT. Her vision and commitment also helped create the National Council on Independent Living. Hearing her tales of protests where she and others chained themselves to gates and busses exemplified the very best of civil disobedience. She will always be remembered by me as she packed quite a wallop for such a small person and her voice, sometimes difficult to understand, was always heard!*

VIRGINIA REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

**NEWS NOTES**



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-- Photo by Karen Michalski

VRA members attend ADA Rally in Washington, D.C. on March 12, 1990.

(Left to right) President Elect Don Johnston, Sandra Howie, Theresa Proda, President Mary Kay Padgett and Johanna Wallace.

The rally attracted 1,000 from all over the country to show support of the ADA.



*Her introduction to our agency to lead a fledgling IL unit was exciting and often challenging. New terms and concepts like consumer direction and control, empowerment, peer counseling, advocacy, and community integration were introduced by her and soon began to get traction.*

*Her IL program grew from a handful of federally funded CILs to a statewide network of effective community organizations. Our state is unique in that we are one of the few states with more state funds than federal funds--due largely to her leadership and sound advocacy strategy.*

*As additional community based programs emerged at our agency and in other state agencies like our case management and PAS programs, her influence was invaluable and shaped these new programs based on the principles she espoused.*

*I personally have valued her partnership, and in this morning's reflection on her passing, I can readily assert that she has served as the conscience of our agency – always ready to be sounding board to assure that her solid IL philosophy is reflected in all that we do.*

*She will certainly be missed but not forgotten. To honor her I would hope that we could all reflect on her career, her philosophy, her indomitable spirit, and integrate them into our own actions and more importantly our thinking of what we do, how we do it, and how it best mirrors her work and life.*

*We are planning a memorial service to honor her later in summer or early fall.*

*Jim*



Click [here](#) to view the obituary. Condolences may be sent to the family care of:

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## Funding Opportunity for CILs to Increase Service to Indian Country



July 12, 2016 - The Administration for Independent Living (ACL), Independent Living Administration (ILA) recognizes there is a need to develop capacity building within existing Centers for Independent Living (CIL) for serving individuals with disabilities in Indian Country.

Through a new funding opportunity ACL intends to:

- Gain an increased understanding of service needs of Native Americans with disabilities living in Indian Country;



- Improve cultural competence in regards to the needs of specific tribal organizations targeted by current CIL grantees;
- Capture lessons learned and best practices for outreach and service delivery for Native Americans with disabilities, a traditionally under-served population.

To achieve these goals, ACL is seeking applications from existing CIL grantees to develop capacity and demonstrate how to provide the five CIL core services in Indian Country.

ACL, ILA will fund a demonstration project to place Independent Living (IL) Specialists who are culturally competent on the needs of Tribal Communities in the areas that the CIL serves and knowledgeable in IL services for the purpose of developing capacity and providing services in Indian Country.

With this funding opportunity ACL plans to fund three (3) grants for three years with one year budget periods. Each budget period will have a minimum of \$200,000 and a maximum of \$250,000.

If you are interested, please review the full Funding Opportunity Announcement at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). (HHS-2016-ACL-AOD-IL-0184 Native American Independent Living Demonstration Project) The due date for applications is 08/16/2016. If you have additional questions please contact Corinna Stiles at [corinna.stiles@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:corinna.stiles@acl.hhs.gov)

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### **Upcoming ADA Legal Series Webinar: "Service Animals, Emotional Support Animals, Pets and the Law"**

Please Join the Southwest ADA Center in collaboration with the Great Lakes ADA Center for an ADA Legal series webinar on "Service Animals, Emotional Support Animals, Pets, and The Law" on Wednesday, July 20th at 1:00 p.m. central.

During this session we will cover the federal law and provide a sampling of the state law regarding service animals and assistance / emotional support animals in public settings, housing, and transportation. Service animal types and training will be reviewed for context. The choice of law issues will be the focus, though --- the difference in definition under the ADA, FHA, and the ACAA. Special emphasis will be given to clarify the different regulatory approaches under the DOJ, DOT and



HUD regulations, as well as state law approaches that protect a wider array of animals and users and provide penalties unavailable under federal law. The session will involve review of legislation, regulations, guidance, case law and recent news items regarding service animals and claimed service animals.

Registration is required to participate in this webinar. Visit the Great Lakes ADA Center registration site [here](#). Click on the Log In or New Account tab to sign up.

Sessions are presented via a fully accessible Blackboard Collaborate Platform. For first time users it is recommended that you prepare your technology prior to the session.

For more information about this platform visit [here](#). Under the First Time Users option choose "Blackboard Collaborate Web Conferencing- First Time Users". For more information about the training, click [here](#).

We hope you will join us, Wednesday, July 20, 2016!

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## ACL Grants Increase Older Americans' Access to Legal Services



**July 12, 2016**

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 use the funding.](#)

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### **VAGHC Scholarship Applications now Being Accepted**

The Governor's Housing Conference connects Virginia's affordable housing providers with funders, lenders, realtors, nonprofits, public officials and resources to improve housing in Virginia's communities. The conference provides stimulating and thought-provoking information and educational sessions led by experts in housing, finance and development. Each year more than 800 people from throughout Virginia participate in the Governor's Housing Conference to take advantage of excellent professional development, incredible networking and valuable training opportunities. It is Virginia's largest and most comprehensive affordable housing event of the year.

The sponsors of this Governor's Housing Conference have set aside funds to be used as scholarships for nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit organizations are an important part of the delivery of housing and community development services, but due to budget restraints, may not be able to attend the conference. Student scholarships will be geared toward those students who are majoring or interested in the delivery of housing or sheltering services, community or economic development or other appropriate activities designed to sustain healthy and safe communities.

Scholarships cover the cost of the conference registration only. Applications will be ranked based on financial need and statement of interest. Applicants who have not received a scholarship in the past will be given priority. The deadline for the receipt



of application packets is 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016. Applications should be completed, signed, scanned and emailed to [andriea.ukrop@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:andriea.ukrop@dhcd.virginia.gov)

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## **Smooth as SILC: An Introduction to the Duties and Responsibilities of Statewide Independent Living Councils**

**COURSE DATES:** August 8-26, 2016

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 22, 2016

**COURSE LEVEL:** Introductory

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** SILC executives, staff, and members. CIL staff and board may benefit as well.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Upon completion, participants will be able to:

- Identify the laws and regulations governing SILCs.
- Describe the composition and duties of the SILC.
- Describe how SILC activities are funded.
- Discuss creative and innovative approaches to address the SILC duties.

The course utilizes a participant text and the Internet for participant interaction. The text is designed to provide sufficient background information to make it possible for all students to assume an active role in online discussions. The centerpiece of the text will be a series of scenarios and exercises, most of which will be assigned for



discussion and debate. Additional readings and videotapes will be required to enhance the participant's understanding of the topic.

FORMAT: Participants will read assignments in the online course manual, complete exercises assigned by the instructor, and interact daily with the instructor and other students in an online discussion forum. Participants can access the course Web site at any time of the day or night. This can be done from any computer with an Internet connection. Participants should plan on spending 1-2 hours each day reading assignments, completing course work and participating in the discussion.

INSTRUCTOR: Ann McDaniel is the Executive Director of the West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). She has both a Master's and Bachelor's Degree from Marshall University in Huntington, WV. Ann has worked in the independent living and advocacy field since 1985, beginning with eleven years at the Mountain State Centers for Independent Living in Huntington, WV. Under her direction, the SILC has sponsored, organized, and conducted seven West Virginia Disability Caucuses since 1997 and the WV Youth Disability Caucus in 2005.

A full course calendar is on the ILRU Website.

You may register online or by mail. Online registration is encouraged. For mailed registration, complete, print and mail the form found [here](#).

The mailing address for registration is:  
ILRU/ONLINE LEARNING  
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1333 Moursund  
Houston, TX 77030

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### **ADA Audio Series: ADA Anniversary Update - Celebrating 26 Years**

July 14, 2016

The NIDILRR-funded Great Lakes ADA Regional Center will host an audio conference: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Anniversary Update: Celebrating 26 Years on July 19th, 2-3:30pm ET. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will provide updates on current enforcement activities as well as new technical assistance and training activities from their agencies. The session will include a



question and answer period. Registration is free and required and continuing education credits are available.

Learn more about the ADA National Network and the ten regional centers that provide information, guidance and training on the ADA. This information is tailored to meet the needs of business, government and individuals at local, regional and national levels.

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### **Business Acumen Q&A Webinar: Becoming a Medicare Provider and Targeting Dual Eligible Beneficiaries**

July 15, 2016

The Administration for Community Living (ACL), Office of Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs (ONHPP), in collaboration with consultant Tim McNeill, invites you to the Business Acumen webinar entitled, Becoming a Medicare Provider and Targeting Dual Eligible Beneficiaries. The webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19 from 1:00 – 2:30pm EST.

This question and answer webinar will include essential approaches for community based organizations currently working with, or looking to work with beneficiaries that qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid (Duals). Participants will also have ample opportunity to ask any other Business Acumen related questions through the chat function and via the phone live, during the webinar. This webinar is part of a monthly series that features discussion of various business acumen topics in an inviting Q&A format.

Webinar Presenter and Facilitator:  
Tim McNeill, Independent Health Care Consultant  
Phantane Sprowls, Program Analyst, ONHPP

**Please register for the webinar [here](#)**

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Please send any questions to Phantane Sprowls: [phantane.sprowls@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:phantane.sprowls@acl.hhs.gov)



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