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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>

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Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

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

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MLTSS Provider Contracting

Katie Roeper, Assistant Commissioner, on behalf of Tracy Embry, DMAS

We have received several questions regarding the timing of providers contracting with prospective MLTSS health plans. As stated in the [May 19, 2016 Medicaid Memo](#), DMAS will select MLTSS managed care plans through a request for proposals (RFP) competitive procurement process. The RFP submission required interested health plans to include their preliminary network, including signed contracts or letters of intent (LOIs) as part of their proposal. As explained in the Memo, MCOs will be required to submit their final networks based upon signed contracts with credentialed providers. (The credentialing process can take 90-120 days or more to complete.) The [MLTSS RFP](#), explains that following evaluation of the proposals, two or more of the top ranked plans for each region will be selected for negotiations. During negotiations, selected plans will go through an extensive readiness review process that includes review of the plans' final networks. For this reason, providers can expect to receive requests for signed contracts from health plans with whom DMAS selects for negotiation beginning in September 2016. DMAS will continue to keep providers informed about MLTSS activities through updates posted on the [DMAS MLTSS webpage](#). These updates will include information about plans with whom DMAS selects for negotiations.

Please submit question to the MLTSS email address
(VAMLTSS@dmass.virginia.gov).

Webinar: Rate-Setting Strategies to Advance Medicaid Managed LTSS Goals

Katie Roeper, Assistant Commissioner

The Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. (CHCS) is hosting a webinar that will highlight state approaches for using rate-setting to advance managed long term services and supports (MLTSS) program goals, including: 1) helping more people to live in the community; and 2) adjusting risk appropriately based on MLTSS cost drivers, including functional status. Representatives from Tennessee and Wisconsin will share their experiences in refining MLTSS rate-setting approaches to achieve strategic goals. The presentation will draw from the soon-to-be released "Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Rate Setting Resource Center" developed by CHCS, Mathematica Policy Research, and Airam Actuarial Consulting through support from West Health Policy Center. The session is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 16, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.



Public Comment Period on Payday, Vehicle Title, and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

The federal **Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection** is proposing to establish new regulations creating consumer protections for certain consumer credit products. The proposed regulations would cover payday, vehicle title, and certain high-cost installment loans.

The comment period is now open through Oct. 7, 2016. To make a comment online, visit the web link below and click on the "COMMENT NOW" button on the top right:

<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=CFPB-2016-0025-0001>

You can also submit comments, identified by Docket No. CFPB-2016-0025 or RIN 3170-AA40, by these methods:

- *Email:* FederalRegisterComments@cfpb.gov. Include Docket No. CFPB-2016-0025 or RIN 3170-AA40 in the subject line of the email.
- *Mail:* Monica Jackson, Office of the Executive Secretary, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.

A full explanation of the proposed federal regulations can be found under the contact information on the link.

Virginia DHCD Vibrant Community Initiative

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations



Vibrant Community Initiative

Pre-Application Due:

October 14, 2016

Full Application Due:

TBD (tentatively February 2017)

 Register Now

How-to-Apply
Workshops



The Vibrant Community Initiative (VCI) will combine multiple funding sources from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to support local or regional comprehensive community-based projects including affordable housing and community and/or economic development components. Funding for VCI will include a portion of the 2016-2017 CDBG and HOME allocations. VCI funding will also include resources from the Virginia Housing Trust Fund and may include other funding sources where appropriate. Approximately \$4.5 million in DHCD state and federal resources will be set aside to provide project financing for VCI.

[Affordable and Special Needs Housing Program: Consolidated Application](#)

Application Due:

November 30, 2016 and May 31, 2017

The Affordable Housing and Special Needs (ASNH) Program goals are to create and preserve affordable housing in Virginia. The program achieves these goals by providing assistance in the form of financing to projects that will meet local affordable housing needs and support state housing policy. This ASNH consolidated application will combine HOME funds with state and federal Housing Trust Fund resources allowing applicants to submit one application for multiple resources.

Available resources for 2016-2017 program year

Friday, Aug. 26

10 a.m.-noon

Hampton
Newport News
CSB (Room
1356)

300 Medical
Drive

Hampton, VA
23666

**Tuesday, Aug.
30**

10 a.m.-noon

Wytheville
Meeting Center
(Room 2)

333 Community
Boulevard

Wytheville, VA
24382

**Wednesday,
Aug. 31**



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are:

HOME: \$3,104,622

Virginia Housing Trust Fund: \$3,312,000

National Housing Trust Fund: \$2,825,847



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Development
600 East Main Street
Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23219
(804) 371-7000
www.dhcd.virginia.gov

10 a.m.-noon

Webinar

**Thursday, Sept.
1**

10 a.m.-noon

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Association of
Prince William
(PWAR)

4545 Daisy Reid
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Suite 150

Woodbridge,
VA 22192

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Virginia Rural Health Funding Summit Invitation

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations



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In collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Virginia Department of Health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Virginia Rural Development office will host the Virginia Rural Health Funding Summit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rural-health-funding-summit-tickets-26473085712>. The event is designed to identify IT and infrastructure funding needs of rural health care providers while connecting those providers with possible funding resources.

Our goal is to expand health funding to rural hospitals and clinics throughout Virginia. This collaborative event will assist in streamlining and improving the effectiveness of federal programs serving rural Virginia by helping rural health care providers leverage the full suite of USDA and HHS programs.

As a leader in Virginia health care, I cordially invite you to attend the Virginia Rural Health Funding Summit to discuss IT and infrastructure needs and opportunities that can benefit rural Virginians. The discussion will focus on opportunities for rural health funding, identifying rural health needs and increasing access to care in rural areas.

The Virginia Rural Health Funding Summit will take place on Friday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, 820 Bruce Street, South Boston, VA 24592.

Thank you for considering our invitation. If you have questions, contact USDA Rural Development Community Development Specialist Matt Underwood at (804) 382-2749 or matthew.underwood@va.usda.gov.

Please RSVP <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rural-health-funding-summit-tickets-26473085712> by Friday, Sept. 9, 2016, NLT 5 p.m. (Please feel free to forward to additional interested parties.)

Sincerely,
Basil I. Gooden, Ph.D.
State Director
USDA - Rural Development Virginia

Virginia Center on Aging Publication, *Age in Action*

Cecily Slasor, on behalf of Dr. Edward Ansello



Dr. Edward Ansello, Director of the VA Center on Aging, asked that we share a link to the Summer issue of *Age in Action*. The quarterly newsletter highlights case studies and features columns written by Dr. Ansello and Commissioner James Rothrock of the Department for Aging & Rehabilitative Services. In addition, information related to research and funding of awards for research in the area of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Finally, the newsletter contains a calendar of events that lists conferences and trainings of interest to the aging and disability networks.

<http://www.sahp.vcu.edu/media/school-of-allied-health-professions/virginia-center-on-aging/pdf/ageaction/agesummer16.pdf>



July 29, 2016

Dear Friends of ACL:

Today is my last day at the Administration for Community Living.

Saying goodbye seems both necessary and unnecessary. Although I will leave my positions as Assistant Secretary for Aging and Administrator, I will not disappear, and our paths may well cross again.

As I leave ACL, and with it, government service, I am mindful of all that has transpired for me these past 25 years.

I have had the honor of working with dedicated public servants for 18 years in the state of Kansas and seven years in the federal government, and I have been humbled by their devotion to our mission. Excellence in public service requires a fundamental commitment to the good of the whole, to the betterment of the citizens of the country we serve. I have seen people demonstrating that commitment every day for 25 years, and I am proud to have served alongside them.

(Another thing about excellence in public service -- it is not partisan, it is purposeful. Serving the President of the United



States is the honor of a lifetime. I encourage all of you, regardless of your political views, to so aspire.)

I also have had the privilege of serving as a senior leader at the Department of Health and Human Services during an important chapter of American history, as the department shouldered the responsibility of implementing the Affordable Care Act. The ACA has brought health insurance to more than 20 million previously uninsured Americans, including many who had previously been denied because of pre-existing conditions, and it has improved coverage for countless more. It has been amazing to bear witness to such a momentous accomplishment that has done, and will do, so much for so many.

At the same time, with the support of former HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, my colleagues Henry Claypool and Sharon Lewis and I were able to create a new federal home for programs that serve older adults, people with disabilities of all ages, and their families. It was the right idea at the right time, with the right leadership. In the four years since, the Administration for Community Living, together with the aging and disability networks, have developed a solid foundation for working together to the benefit of all the people we serve. I have every confidence the Administration for Community Living will endure and thrive.

As I look into the faces of my colleagues at ACL and envision the millions of people across the country who benefit from our work, and the thousands who help us carry out it out, I am filled with a deep sense of respect and commitment. All of us, at our cores, are advocates. We are mission-driven people with a fundamental respect for human dignity. We are engaged, passionate, big-hearted people with a drive toward making thing better for other people, our families and friends, and ourselves.

My emotions are mixed on this final day. I will be sad to leave, but I also look forward to returning to Kansas. I leave behind a body of work of which I am immeasurably proud. I know my time in Washington has mattered. I have helped create an exciting new federal agency; have advanced policy and programs to improve the lives LGBT Americans; have energized our national efforts to address the scourge we call



elder abuse; and worked to transform the business skills of aging and disability organizations who need new approaches in the transforming world of health and long term care. I am the public servant I had hoped to be.

All of this has been possible because of all of you. Thank you for every minute of the past seven years. For your support, encouragement, and friendship. I have had victories and failures, but I have no regrets. And I have had more fun and shared more laughs than I will ever remember.

Bless you for the work you do.

Kathy



August 01, 2016

Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: Webinar and Comment Period

On July 7th, 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a proposal to expand the Diabetes Prevention Program to Medicare beneficiaries beginning on January 1, 2018. The [Diabetes Prevention Program](#) is a structured lifestyle intervention that includes dietary coaching, lifestyle intervention, and moderate physical activity, all with the goal of preventing the onset of diabetes in individuals who are pre-diabetic.

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMS Innovation Center) will host a webinar to discuss various aspects of the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program proposal on Tuesday, **August 9, 2016 from 12:00-1:00pm EDT**. [Registration for this webinar is now open.](#)

CMS will accept comments on the proposed rule until September 6, 2016, and will respond to comments in a final rule.



The proposed rule can be found on the [Federal Register](#).

The clinical intervention consists of 16 intensive “core” sessions of a curriculum in a group-based, classroom-style setting that provides practical training in long-term dietary change, increased physical activity, and behavior change strategies for weight control. After the 16 core sessions, less intensive monthly follow-up meetings help ensure that the participants maintain healthy behaviors. The primary goal of the intervention is at least 5 percent average weight loss among participants.

To learn more about these efforts to support and improve access to primary care please review the [fact sheet](#) or [press release](#).

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NASUAD

July 29, 2016

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From NASUAD

NASUAD I&R Center Webinar: Guardianship - Key Concepts for I&R/A Specialists

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar that will train attendees on the basics of guardianship. It is a key but complicated issue that aging and disability I&R/A specialists address in their work with consumers, family members, and caregivers. The webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, August 4,**



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2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

The webinar will cover the process of becoming a guardian, responsibilities of the guardian, the difference between guardianship and powers of attorney, and a discussion on when a guardianship may be necessary. To help I&R/A specialists gain more insight into guardianship issues, our presenter, Kim Grier, Adult Guardianship Specialist, Georgia Department of Human Services, will share her expertise on this topic. **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.

Early Bird Rate Ends July 31st! Register Today for the 2016 HCBS Conference!

Join us for the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference held in Washington, DC, August 29 - September 1. The Conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and in all settings. Quickly becoming the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of HCBS and long-term services and supports, the Conference allows states to share best practices, present unique partnerships, and recognize the work of their peers.

The National HCBS Conference will include federal, state, and local policymakers and those who administer, manage, and deliver waiver and other HCBS programs. The Conference always sees a strong presence from U.S. Health and Human Services ranging from the Administration for Community Living (including AoA, Office of Disability, and AIDD) to CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, Office of Developmental Disabilities, and other federal agencies.

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

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.



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Medicaid Coverage of Social Interventions: A Road Map for States

The Milbank Memorial Fund's Reforming States Group, with support from the New York State Health Foundation, published the issue brief "Medicaid Coverage of Social Interventions: A Road Map for States." The brief is a practical guide for policymakers who want to know when and how states can use Medicaid to facilitate access to social services. It offers a road map of the legal authorities upon which policymakers can rely to extend Medicaid coverage to social interventions and provides examples of how Medicaid can be an important component in the critical work of improving the health of populations

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

TAC Section 8 Made Simple

The Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc. (TAC), with support of the Melville Charitable Trust, released a new update to their guidebook, "Section 8 Made Simple - Special Edition: Using the Housing Choice Voucher Program to End Chronic Homelessness." The guidebook includes tips and information to navigate the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. It explains how to use fair housing law and federal guidance to make the HCV program accessible to people with disabilities, and adds a new focus on helping those who are experiencing chronic homelessness.

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Public Comment on Guidance for State Plans on Aging

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) seeks public comment on the template to be used to prepare the information



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

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

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

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Coordination of Eligibility and Enrollment between Medicaid, CHIP, and the Federally Facilitated Marketplace

On Monday, July 25, 2016, the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) released an informational bulletin reminding states about federal requirements related to the coordination of eligibility and enrollment among insurance affordability programs under section 1943 of the Social Security Act. Regulations require that determinations of eligibility and enrollment in the appropriate insurance affordability program are made promptly and without undue delay. In addition, the



bulletin discusses the requirement for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) agencies to transfer electronic accounts to the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) when applicants and beneficiaries are determined ineligible for Medicaid and CHIP, as well as the actions states should take when accounts are transferred from the FFM to the state agency.

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

May 2016 Monthly Applications, Eligibility Determinations, and Enrollment Report

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

Technical Assistance Mailbox for Parity Final Rule

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has created a mailbox for stakeholders to submit questions regarding the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) mental health parity final rule. The rule was finalized on March 29, 2016 with the intent of strengthening access to mental health and substance use services for people with Medicaid or CHIP, while aligning with protections already required of health plans in the commercial market.

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

Technical assistance will begin this fall and continue through 2018. Questions and concerns can be submitted at any time to parity@cms.hhs.gov.



Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration's Toll Free Help Line

On Monday, July 18, 2016, the United States Department of Labor (DOL) issued a training and employment notice to increase awareness about the free resources available through the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Toll Free Help Line (TFHL) 1-877-US2 JOBS (1-877-872-5627), and to encourage the increased usage by American Job Centers and state and local governments. The TFHL resource is intended to give the public and the workforce development community universal access to employment and training information, programs, and services. The service is available in over 140 languages and provides ease of access to a wide range of DOL specific programs and resources.

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

From Other Organizations

ABLE National Resource Center

Webinar: A Closer Look at the New ABLE Programs

The ABLE National Resource Center (ANRC) is hosting the webinar "A Closer Look at the New ABLE Programs" for potential ABLE participants, their families, and all other ABLE stakeholders. The session will feature representatives from the Ohio STABLE program, ABLE TN, Nebraska Enable Savings Program, and the Florida ABLE United Program. The webinar will focus on learning the enrollment process, associated fees, and investment opportunities of each program as well as identifying the differences that may affect which program best meets participants' specific needs. The webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, August 4, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**



[Click here](#) to register.

Center for Health Care Strategies

Webinar: Rate-Setting Strategies to Advance Medicaid Managed LTSS Goals

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Justice in Aging

Medicare and Medicaid Fact Sheets for LGBT Beneficiaries

Justice in Aging published three new fact sheets in collaboration with Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Elders (SAGE), SHIP National Network (State Health Insurance Assistance Programs), and the Administration for Community Living (ACL). The new fact sheets were designed to help LGBT consumers learn how recent changes in Medicare and Medicaid may affect them. The Supreme Court's legalization of same sex marriage in all states changed how both programs evaluate the eligibility of same sex spouses. Additionally, Medicare has begun covering gender reassignment



surgery and issued new rules that protect transgender older adults from sex discrimination in health care settings.

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

National Disability Institute

Launch of **DISABLE POVERTY** Campaign

The National Disability Institute (NDI) announced the launch of its grassroots campaign, **DISABLE POVERTY** on July 26, 2016, the 26th anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), to increase awareness about the nearly one in three Americans with disabilities that live in poverty and remain outside the economic mainstream. The two overarching goals of the campaign, to be achieved in the next 10 years, are to: decrease the number of working-age adults with disabilities living in poverty by 50 percent, and increase the use of mainstream banking products and services among Americans with disabilities by 50 percent. Participants in the **DISABLE POVERTY** campaign are asked to take a pledge and share on social media urging others to do the same. In addition, a series of actionable items for individuals, disability/advocacy organizations, companies and financial institutions provide concrete steps that people can take to become involved in advancing financial inclusion. The **DISABLE POVERTY** campaign will run for two years.

[Click here](#) to learn more and take the pledge.

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.

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

Webinar: nTIDE Lunch and Learn

The Employment Policy & Measurement Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (EPM-RRTC) at the University of New Hampshire, in partnership with Kessler Foundation and the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), hosts a monthly webinar on the first Friday of every month. There will be a live broadcast via Zoom webinar to share the results of the latest nTIDE findings, based upon the Bureau of Labor statistics jobs report. Additionally, the monthly webinars will feature news and updates from the field of Disability Employment and a discussion from an invited panelist on current disability related findings and events. The next nTIDE webinar is scheduled for **Friday, August 5, 2016 at 12:00 pm ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

Jobs & Internships

Mid-America Regional Council Seeks Director of Aging and Adult Services

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) in Kansas City, Missouri is seeking a Director of Aging and Adult Services. The director will play a key role in helping to advance the vision that all adults in the Kansas City region have access to resources and networks to support a high quality of life. The director will play a visible, active role in the broader community and state initiatives to strengthen and develop new services and systems, and will provide central leadership in internal efforts to develop



and deploy a strategy for assessing and reorganizing services to older adults. At the same time, the director will be responsible for all aspects of planning and managing the effectiveness and statutory compliance of ongoing programs. In addition, MARC's Aging and Adult Services Department will support the Communities for All Ages initiative in cooperation with MARC's Community Development Department, which coordinates a variety of related local and regional planning efforts. Applications should be submitted by **Friday, August 19, 2016**.

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

Funding Opportunities

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.

NADTC Innovations in Accessible Mobility Grant Opportunity

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

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

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.

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NDI Launches DISABLE POVERTY Awareness Campaign



Today, on the 26th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), National Disability Institute (NDI) launches **DISABLE POVERTY**, a grassroots campaign which aims to increase awareness about the nearly one in three Americans with disabilities that live in poverty and remain outside the economic mainstream.

Through the **DISABLE POVERTY** campaign, National Disability Institute wants to bring awareness to the plight of seven million individuals with disabilities in this country who live in poverty, and the millions more who teeter just above the poverty line and are one unexpected expense away from plunging below it.

In a presidential election year, with so much rhetoric around income inequality, the **DISABLE POVERTY** campaign is timely as no other population in America is subject to more economic disparity than people with disabilities.

The **two** overarching goals of the **DISABLE POVERTY** campaign, to be achieved in the next 10 years, are to:

- **DECREASE** the number of working-age adults with disabilities living in poverty by 50 percent, and
- **INCREASE** the use of banking products and services among Americans with disabilities by 50 percent.

Click [here](#) to read the full article plus access links to the **DISABLE POVERTY** Pledge, Toolkit, and How To Take Action!

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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 (\$150), please click [here](#).

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Join the SILCSpeak Discussion



Join us for August's **SILC Speak** on the first Thursday, August 4th at 3:00 Eastern. Are there areas of confusion between your SILC and the DSE? We need your input into possible areas of providing information to the DSE to help support a better relationship between them and the SILC.

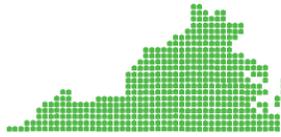
Some areas include:

- SILC autonomy - What does it mean?
 - Financial autonomy
 - Supervision of SILC staff
 - Completing the 704 report

Click [here](#) for information on how to join the group on August 4, or for real-time captioning.

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Governor McAuliffe Announces 10.5% Decrease in Overall Homelessness in Virginia



Virginia
Housing Alliance
Expanding Housing Opportunity and Ending Homelessness



On Wednesday Governor Terry McAuliffe announced that overall homelessness in the Commonwealth declined 10.5 percent in 2016 versus 2015, with a 17 percent decrease in family homelessness in the same period. In addition, more than \$14.7 million was recently awarded in Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP) grants to combat homelessness in Virginia. The new preliminary numbers originate from annual point in time data collected by local Continuum of Care groups across Virginia in January each year and compiled by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

“Virginia is leading fight to end homelessness by expanding access to safe, affordable housing for families who need it,” said Governor McAuliffe, speaking at today’s announcement. “Last year, I announced that Virginia was the first state to effectively end veteran homelessness and vowed to work to make all forms of homelessness in Virginia rare, brief, and non-recurring. These new numbers show that we are moving in the right direction and demonstrate the success of our collaboration between local, state, and federal organizations. Moving forward, we will continue to invest in our successful housing programs and partnerships, as we work to end chronic homelessness and homelessness among youth and families altogether in Virginia.”

For the full story, click [here](#).

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Celebrating the 26th Anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act



Today, all of us at ACL are celebrating a historic milestone for Americans with disabilities and older Americans: the 26th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



The ADA made clear that people with disabilities of all ages should experience equal opportunity, independent living, economic self-sufficiency, and full participation in all aspects of society. From curb cuts and accessible buses to the integration of people with disabilities in schools, workplaces, businesses, and neighborhoods, the ADA has made our communities more accessible and more inclusive.

We hope you will join us in celebrating these accomplishments. Just as importantly, we hope you will join us in continuing the work of making the ADA's vision a reality for all Americans.

The ADA National Network and its ten regional ADA Centers are one great tool for this work. Funded by ACL's National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), the ADA National Network provides a comprehensive "one-stop" resource for information, guidance, and training on the ADA.

Click [here](#) to view the Toolkit and many other resources.

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Kathy Greenlee's Farewell Speech



For outgoing Assistant Secretary on Aging and ACL Administrator Kathy Greenlee's last speech in her current role, click [here](#).

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5 Things You Should Know about WIOA



Friday marked the two-year anniversary of President Obama signing into law the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (or WIOA for short). Last month, the



Departments of Labor and Education, in close collaboration with the Departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture, and Housing and Urban Development, made publicly available the final rules implementing *WIOA*. We are excited to continue the conversation around *WIOA* and we are committed to making sure *WIOA* works for all job-seekers, workers, and employers as the departments implement the final rules.

Click [here](#) to find out what *WIOA* means and why it matters.

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Upcoming Hoarding Workshop!

Attached you will find flyers announcing the date for the Hoarding and the Fair Housing Law Workshop that is scheduled for the 3 major areas of the Commonwealth. Our hope is that you attend and share the information about the class to encourage others to attend. Please remember that if you are a licensed real estate agent, broker, auctioneer, you will receive Continuing education credits. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you!!!

Click below to view the Richmond flyer:



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Hoarding Flyer 8-2011

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HOME, Kaine, and Fair Housing



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HOME has been in the national spotlight a lot this week. From Time Magazine to Law.com, dozens of news outlets and websites from across the country have featured now vice presidential candidate Tim Kaine's career and his work with HOME and fair housing. So, we thought we would give you a little more history.



HOME president/CEO Heather Crislip, Senator Kaine, and HOME board members Velma Ballard and Victor Branch at HOME's Mapping RVA exhibit

Senator Tim Kaine began working with HOME in 1984. His very first case as a lawyer was referred to him by HOME and involved a young woman who was turned away from an apartment because of her race. Regarding this case, Kaine said, "When someone is turned away in that aspect of their life, trying to find a place to live, what a powerful difference it makes, and it made a huge impression on me in that first case that I had." Watch Kaine tell the whole story [here](#).



From there, HOME, HOME's clients, and fair housing were the center pieces of Kaine's professional life. For 18 years before becoming Lt. Governor, much of his practice was dedicated to fair housing. In the keynote address at HOME's 35th Anniversary, Kaine stated, "HOME has a lot to do with who I am as a lawyer, a leader, and as a man."

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

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