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I&R Center Webinar: 2015 Aging and Disability I&R/A National Survey

The National I&R Center will host a webinar on findings from the 2015 Aging and Disability Information & Referral/Assistance National Survey. This webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, October 8, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m ET.**

In 2015, the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), in partnership with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), conducted a national survey of I&R/A agencies in the aging and disability networks. This survey gathered data on key topics impacting I&R/A agencies, including referrals and service needs, use of social media, partnerships and system building, standards and quality assurance, training and certification, private pay, and Medicaid services. Presenters are Nanette Relave, National I&R Support Center Director, NASUAD, and Lindsay Baran, Policy Analyst, NCIL.

No pre-registration is required to participate in the webinar.

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Transcripts of Plenary Sessions from HCBS 2015 Conference Now Available!

The 2015 HCBS Conference was a great success! This year, the conference had the highest number of attendees with plenty of workshops where lots of stimulating dialogue occurred. The conference featured many interesting plenary sessions with speakers including Assistant Secretary Kathy Greenlee and Alzheimer's expert, Dr. Ronald Petersen.

Transcripts of the plenary sessions and the congressional briefing are now available online, on our conference website. Presentations from many of the workshops are also available. If you do not see a PowerPoint presentation listed, it is because a copy of that presentation was not shared with NASUAD Staff.

Click here to view transcripts and presentations.

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.

Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs

The United States Departments of Health and Human Services and Education released a policy statement on September 14, 2015, that declares that all children with disabilities should be allowed access to "inclusive high-quality" early childhood programs, "where they are provided with individualized and appropriate support in meeting high expectations." Presently, children with disabilities and their families face difficulties in accessing these programs that are available for their peers. The policy statement offers a vision of what states, local educational agencies, schools, and public and private early childhood programs can do to make early childhood programs more inclusive.

Click here to access the statement and findings.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: Meeting the Evidence-based Requirements of OAA Title IIID

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are sponsoring a webinar on meeting the evidence-based requirements of Older Americans Act (OAA) Title IIID. This webinar will teach participants about the requirements of the OAA Title IIID and how to meet them. The requirement to use Title IIID dollars for only the highest-level evidence based programs will go into effect nationally on October 1, 2016. Highest-level programs meet the following criteria: Demonstrated through evaluation to be effective for improving health and well being or reducing disease, disability, and/or injury among older adults; proven effective with older adult population, using experimental or quasi-

experimental design; research results published in a peer-reviewed journal; fully translated in one or more community site(s); and includes products for dissemination that are available to the public. The webinar will include presentations from states and AAAs that are meeting the requirements and they will also share promising practices for overcoming challenges. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, October 29, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

Click here to view details and register.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CMS Releases Final 2016 Medicaid Managed Care Rate Development Guide

On Thursday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the final 2016 Medicaid Managed Care Rate Development Guide. This guide is for states to use in the development of any Medicaid managed care rates with rating periods starting on or after January 1, 2016. CMS released a draft of the guide in June and sought comments from the public through the Federal Register. The final guide includes input gathered from the public comments including: Changes around the administrative load development; clarity on defining the types of managed care plans; when a legally mandated change should be incorporated into the rates; and clarification on the types of supporting documentation expected. States and their actuaries should follow this guide in development of their actuarial certifications in order to streamline the review process.

Click here to view the guide.

Department of Health and Human Services

Final Federal Health IT Strategic Plan 2015-2020 Released

On Monday, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), in collaboration with over 35 federal partners, released the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan for 2015-2020. The plan represents the strategy of the federal offices that use or influence the use of health information technology. The plan hopes to improve the infrastructure of health IT and provides a blueprint of strategies for federal partners to implement to ensure a responsive and secure health IT system. The strategic goals of the plan are to: Advance person-centered health and self-management; transform health care delivery and community health; foster research, scientific knowledge and innovation; and enhance the United States health IT infrastructure.

Click here to view the strategic plan.

From Other Organizations

Health Management Associates

Webinar: Risk-Ready Primary Care

Health Management Associates is sponsoring a webinar on risk-ready primary care- the next wave in practice transformation for a value-based future. This is the 12th volume in the "30 Years, 30 Webinars" series. During this webinar, HMA experts will provide a framework for Risk-Ready Primary Care, with an emphasis on the infrastructure and skill sets needed to successfully manage patient populations while taking on various degrees of financial risk. The webinar will be presented by Greg Vachon, MD, Principal, HMA; and Lori Weiselberg, Principal, HMA. This webinar is reccomended for executives of health systems, physician practices, FQHCs, and other provider organizations; executives of Medicaid managed care plans; and Medicaid directors and staff. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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Mathematica Policy Research

Webinar: Promoting Stay-at-Work/ Return-to-Work Policies

Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy is sponsoring a webinar on promoting stay-at-work/return-to-work policies. The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy funded the Stay-at-Work/Return-to-Work Policy Collaborative. Three expert-led policy work groups have developed new recommendations that would help workers keep their jobs if they experience a severe medical condition. The panel will be moderated by Mathematica's Yonatan Ben-Shalom. The presenters are Jennifer Christian, Webility Corporation; Kevin Hollenbeck, W.E. Upjohn Institute; David Stapleton, Mathematica; and Jennifer Sheehy, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, October 22, 2015 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.** The forum is being held in Mathematica's Washington, D.C. Office but access to the event is also available through the webinar format. Registration is required for both.

Click here to view details and register.

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators

Webinar: Fall-Related Traumatic Brain Injuries Among Older Adults

The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Injury Center are hosting a webinar on fall-related traumatic brain injuries (TBI) among older adults. The featured speaker will be Grant Baldwin, PhD, MPH, Director of the Division of Unintentional Injuries, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The webinar will provide information on the Injury Center's efforts to reduce falls among older adults and States' efforts to identify TBI within the older adult population. It will specifically focus on the work occurring in Massachusetts and Nebraska to screen, identify, and address issues associated with TBI among older adults. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, September 30, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET.**

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National Council on Aging

Webinar: Promising Practices in SNAP Enrollment

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is sponsoring a webinar on promising practices in Senior Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Enrollment. "Only 41% of low-income older adults who qualify for SNAP are enrolled in the food benefit." The webinar will highlight creative ways that organizations have addressed the challenges in increasing enrollment into SNAP for eligible older populations. The presenters for this webinar are Lura Barber, Senior Program Manager, Hunger Initiatives, NCOA; Jae Lim, Social Service Program Manager, The Korean Women's Association in Washington State; and Erin Kee, JD, Program Specialist for Hunger Initiatives, Economic Security Group, NCOA. The webinar will take place on **Monday, September 28, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

Click here to view details and register.

National Council on Independent Living

Webinar: An Introduction to the New Indirect Cost Rate Requirements for CILS

The National Council on Independent Living's (NCIL) CIL-NET is sponsoring a webinar on an introduction to the new indirect cost rate requirements for Centers for Independent Living(CIL). This past July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) notified all Centers for Independent Living receiving federal funds that they would need to submit an indirect cost rate proposal instead of the cost allocation plans required by the US Department of Education. This webinar will teach CILs about the new requirements set by DHS. The webinar costs $75.00 per

site, and NCIL encourages as many people to gather in each site as possible. Presenters will be John Heveron, President of Heveron & Heveron CPAs; and Paula McELwee, Technical Assistance Coordinator, IL-NET project, ILRU.
The recommended audience members are CIL and SILC executive directors, financial and program managers, and other staff involved in accounting and management of CILs receiving federal awards. The webinar will take place on **October 7, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.**

Click here to view details and register.

University of Rochester Medical Center

Third Age Webinar: Early Recognition of Cognitive and Functional Decline

The University of Rochester Medical Center is sponsoring a webinar on early recognition of cognitive and functional decline. Dr. Lucille Esralew, PhD, Trinitas Regional Medical Center will present an overview of the literature on early detection of the changes associated with dementia among persons with I/DD. Participants will have an opportunity to review the National Task Group's Early Detection Screen for Dementia (NTG-EDSD) which is an administrative tool used by professionals and family caregivers as an aid to shared dissemination with health care professionals. The webinar will take place on **Friday, October 2, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. ET.**

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Jobs & Internships

AARP Seeks Senior Strategic Policy Advisor

The AARP Public Policy Institute is seeking applicants for the position of Senior Strategic Policy Advisor for their Financial Security Team. The Senior Advisor is responsible for identifying policy challenges and solutions related to older worker issues/employment, providing detailed analyses of employment trends and identifying emerging issues, among other responsibilities. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of an advanced degree in Public Policy, Economics, Law, or other Social Sciences and at least 8 years of experience related to the position. Completion of a Doctorate preferred. All applications must be submitted by **October 15, 2015**.

Click here to view the full posting.

RespectAbility Seeks National Leadership Program Director

RespectAbility is seeking applicants for the position of National Leadership Program Director. The Director is responsible for establishing fellowship eligibility guidelines to select qualified Fellows, creating and implementing fellowship performance metrics, providing expertise in workplace accommodations, securing relationships with vocational rehabilitation, working with department heads, teaching fellows basic business skills and setting expectations, and evaluating performance of each fellow. Qualified applicants must have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree and 5 years of professional and leadership experience, preferably in the area of staff training and mentoring people with disabilities in a professional office environment. All applications must be submitted by **October 19, 2015**.

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RespectAbility Seeks National Leadership Program Fellows

RespectAbility is seeking applicants for the National Leadership Program Fellowship. They are seeking fellows in the areas of public policy/employment, stigma busting/communications, the inclusion of Jews with disabilities and their families, and development and fundraising. Qualified applicants should have excellent communication and organizational skills and should exhibit leadership skills to complete their own projects. There is a strong preference for college juniors and above. All applications must be submitted by **October 19, 2015**.

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