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When people are given the opportunity to choose where, how, and by whom they receive their care; and make their own decisions about their activities of daily living, and generally direct their own lives to the greatest extent possible, they have better health outcomes, more independence, and lead more fulfilling lives. This is at the heart of a concept known as person-centered care planning. With the support of the [John A. Hartford Foundation](#), Justice in Aging released a report on the new Person-Centered Planning rules for Medicaid Recipients in Long Term Care from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The report, [A Right to Person-Centered Planning](#), and [an accompanying webinar](#), summarize the rights the new rule gives to beneficiaries as well as identifying for advocates where there are gaps in the rule and where more guidance is needed. Best practices in the states are also included to serve as models for advocates working to ensure true person-centered care planning is a reality for all.

Medicare at 50

2015 marks the 50th year anniversary of the creation of the Medicare program. Our Executive Director Kevin Prindiville attended an event hosted by the National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI) and American Society on Aging (ASA) at AARP to focus on Medicare's 50th Anniversary and to talk about how beneficiaries perceive the program. He was

on a panel with Judy Stein, Executive Director of the Center for Medicare Advocacy, and Joe Baker, President of the Medicare Rights Center, moderated by Tricia Neuman, from Kaiser Family Foundation. Their discussion will be summarized in an article on the Medicare program of the future in the July issue of ASA Generations.

Mary WanderPolo Award

Justice in Aging was honored with the Mary WanderPolo Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Benefit of the Elder and Disabled Community by the Elder Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. The award recognizes an individual or organization that exemplifies in actions and deeds the spirit, sensitivity, caring, zest for life and professional excellence that Mary gave to her community, clients, family and friends. Justice in Aging was recognized for our legal advocacy and technical assistance for advocates serving low-income older adults transitioning to Medicaid managed care in New Jersey, Florida and Kansas, through a grant supported by the [Retirement Research Foundation](#).

Promoting Equal Futures across the Lifespan

At the end of April, Kevin attended *Promoting Equal Futures across the Lifespan: A Listening Roundtable* hosted by the White House Council on Women & Girls for the 2015 White House Conference on Aging. The event brought together policy advocates, health practitioners, and community leaders across the fields of aging, domestic violence, women's health, and financial security, to share expertise on challenges facing older women in the United States.

As [ONE in FIVE women](#) over 65 living alone in America lives in poverty, it was a good opportunity to bring economic security to the forefront of challenges facing older women. There are things we can do that affect women of all ages—like closing the gender pay gap—to bring equity across the lifespan.

Celebrate Justice in Aging!

Over 220 advocates, partners, supporters, attorneys, friends, and family members joined us at our sold-out award reception, **Celebrate Justice in Aging**, at City Club Los Angeles. The event was a chance for us to celebrate our new name, recognize shared commitment to fighting senior poverty, and rally together for Justice in Aging for all people. If you were there, [check out our blog](#) and look for photos of yourself and your friends in [the photo gallery](#) on our website. If you missed it, make sure to [watch our videos](#) with stories about seniors we've helped this year. And mark your calendars for our next event in Washington, DC, tentatively scheduled for November 5.

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