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From NASUAD

NASUAD and Leading National Disability Organization Partners Awarded Business Acumen for Disability Organizations from ACL

The Administration on Community Living announced on October 1, 2016 that the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) was awarded the Business Acumen for Disability Organizations Resource Center. The new resource center will promote the development of business relationships between health plans and other integrated health services and community based disability organizations. This 3-year grant will support training, technical assistance and a learning collaborative for disability organizations that want to cement their role in a changing Long Term Services and Supports delivery system.

NASUAD partnered with leading national disability leaders in their application including the American Association on Health and Disabilities (AAHD), the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN), National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS), the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), the National Council on Aging (NCOA), the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN), the Community Living Policy Center at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF), and the Research and Training Center at University of Minnesota's (UoM) Institute on Community Integration. Mercer Human Services Government Consulting will provide critical financial and business strategy expertise to support this effort.

"I am proud to partner with a team that has such broad experience in providing training and technical assistance in the field of disability services" said Executive Director Martha Roherty.

"Disability CBOs bring decades of experience and focus on services that meet individual needs, provide choices to consumers, and support self-determination for persons with a disability and their families. Our hope is that this resource center will serve as a center for promising practices for not only the CBOs, but also provide the key knowledge that integrated entities, including health plans, need to better serve the unique needs of individuals with disabilities."

[Click here](#) to view the press release.

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Report on Oral Health Services for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities

During calendar year 2015, NASUAD engaged in a collaboration with the DentaQuest Foundation to identify and promote effective oral health interventions for older adults and people with physical disabilities. This initiative involved collaborating with partners from the dental, aging, and disability fields in order to increase knowledge regarding issues and challenges related to dental services for older adults and people with disabilities. The project also included a survey of state agencies and a review of state coverage policies to determine current programs providing oral health services; understand access and utilization; recognize existing collaborations for outreach to beneficiaries; and identify challenges with oral health policy across state agencies. Additionally, NASUAD engaged in a review of state Medicaid oral health coverage policies that specifically target older adults and people with disabilities to understand the current dental policy and financing framework regarding these populations.

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

State Innovation Profiles

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) created four state innovation profiles. The D.C., Georgia, Minnesota, and Vermont state innovation profiles capture projects, demonstrations, and partnerships that were shared by states at NASUAD's 2016 spring membership meeting. Each profile was developed in collaboration with the state agency.

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

HCBS Clearinghouse

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

Patient-Centered Medical Homes and the Care of Older Adults

The Patient Centered Medical Home Network of The John A. Hartford Foundation Change AGENTS Initiative released a new paper titled, *Patient-Centered Medical Homes and the Care of Older Adults: How comprehensive care coordination, community connections, and person-directed care can make a difference*. The publication provides guidance for how PCMHs can improve health outcomes for this population and achieve an improved system of care.

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

ACL Announces Voluntary Guidelines, Funding for State Adult Protective Services

The Administration for Community Living's Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging, Edwin Walker, announced the first-ever [voluntary guidelines](#) for state Adult Protective Services (APS) systems at the fall meeting of the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (EJCC) which met this past Wednesday, October 5. He also announced several new grants totaling \$3.3 million that are meant to foster innovation in the elder justice field.

ACL facilitated the development of the voluntary consensus-based guidelines which will assist states in developing efficient and effective APS systems. The guidelines provide recommendations from the field about quality APS practice in the areas of program administration, response times, receiving reports of maltreatment, conducting investigations, service planning and intervention, training, and evaluation.

[Click here](#) to view statements from the EJCC meeting.
[Click here](#) to view information about the new grants.

President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities 2016 Report

The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities 2016 report has been released. The report examines four key areas to determine how a new path can be forged for people with intellectual disabilities to be included in all aspects of society:

- Early family engagement to support high expectations for students with disabilities;
- Federal education policies and enforcement strategies to end segregation in schools;
- Transition to adulthood as a critical timeframe for establishing paths to higher education and career development; and
- Self-determination and supported decision-making starting in early childhood and continuing throughout the individual's lifespan.

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

Social Security Administration

National Disability Forum: Telehealth & Telemedicine

The Social Security Administration is hosting the 5th National Disability Forum to discuss "Exploring Opportunities to Advance the Disability Program through Telehealth and Telemedicine." It will take place at the National Education Association which is located at 1201 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. and via teleconference. Dr. David Brennan, Director, Telehealth

Initiatives, MedStar Institute for innovation will moderate the discussion. The other speakers include: Alan H. Dinesman, M.D., Medical Officer, Office of Disability and Medical Assessment, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kathy Wibberly, Ph.D., Director, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center at University of Virginia Telehealth Resource Center; and Kofi Jones, Vice President of Government Affairs, American Well. The forum is scheduled for **Thursday, October 27, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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

From Other Organizations

American Society on Aging

2017 Aging in America Conference

The American Society on Aging's 2017 Aging in America Conference will be held in Chicago from **March 20 to March 24**. The focus of AiA17 is innovation, including innovative policies, programs, practices, models, businesses, technologies, learning and more from across the field of aging. Register now to join this conference community of nearly 3,000 multidisciplinary professionals who, like you, are working to improve the lives of older adults. The early-bird discount ends on October 31, 2016.

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

Easter Seals

Webinar: Navigating the Role of Military Veteran Caregiver

Easter Seals Dixon Center for Military & Caregiver Services - in partnership with Atlas Research, Caregiver Action Network, Family Caregiver Alliance, National Alliance for Caregiving, Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving, and USO are sponsoring a Military Caregiver webinar titled, "It Takes Courage After Fire: Navigating the Role of Caregiver." Donna Schempp of the Family Caregiver Alliance will host the webinar. Speakers for this session will include: Donna Schempp; Keith Armstrong, University of California San Francisco; and an Elizabeth Dole fellow. Registration is required for this free webinar, all participants must register by October 19 in order to attend. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, October 20, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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

National Council on Aging

Resources for Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment for parts C and D begins on Saturday, October 15, 2016. The National Council on Aging has created a host of resources to help counselors assist their clients about the different options that are available. The resources include fact sheets, checklists, charts and other helpful tools.

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

Pew Charitable Trusts

Webinar: How Can State's Use Data to Improve Policies?

Pew Charitable Trusts and Atlantic Media's Route Fifty are holding a webinar with Colorado Governor John W. Hickenlooper and other officials on how the state has developed effective evidence-based policies and systems. The webinar will include expert insights into several important topics, including:

- How Colorado policymakers at all levels of government use data to improve decision-making.
- How data-driven election administration can enhance accuracy, cost-effectiveness, and security.
- Why using evidence and evaluation in tax incentive policy benefits states' budgets, businesses, and taxpayers.

The webinar will take place on **Friday, October 14, 2016**, from **11:30 a.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view details.

Events

AUCD 2016 Conference

The AUCD 2016 Conference, "Navigating Change: Building our Future Together," highlights both the change that comes at the end of a Presidential term as well as our need to work together to create a future in which children and adults with disabilities are able to participate fully in all aspects of life as valued members of their communities. Join us to engage in powerful, important, and inspiring personal and professional discourse on December 4-7 in Washington, DC.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Jobs & Internships

Arkansas Seeks Assistant Deputy Chief Financial Officer

The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Assistant Deputy Chief Financial Officer. The DHS Assistant CFO reports to the DHS CFO and serves on the executive leadership team of the Office of the CFO. The Deputy CFO is responsible for overseeing all financial activities occurring within assigned areas within the department as well as financial policy and long-term financial planning for the divisional or population driven components of DHS within their assigned purview. It is governed by state and federal laws and agency/institution policies. Interested applicants should send their resumes to [Glenn Eishenhauer](#).

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

2017 AAPD Summer Internship Program

AAPD has announced the opening of applications for the 2017 Summer Internship Program. The AAPD Summer Internship Program develops the next generation of leaders with disabilities and offers host employers access to a talented, diverse workforce. Each summer, AAPD places college students, graduate students, law students, and recent graduates with all types of disabilities in paid 10-week summer internships in Congressional offices, federal agencies, non-profit, and for-profit organizations in the Washington, DC area.

Each intern is matched with a mentor who will assist them with their career goals. AAPD provides the interns with a stipend, transportation to and from Washington, DC, and fully-accessible housing. All applications must be received by **November 7, 2016**.

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

Funding Opportunities

CMS

CMS Announces a New Funding Opportunity for Track 1 of the Accountable Health Communities Model

CMS, in January 2016, released a new Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for a model called the Accountable Health Communities (AHC). This Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation model focuses on the health-related social needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. The AHC Model is based on emerging evidence that addressing health-related social needs through enhanced clinical-community linkages can improve health outcomes and reduce costs. The original FOA requested applications for three different scalable tracks featuring interventions of varying intensity that would address health-

related social needs for beneficiaries. After receiving inquiries and stakeholder feedback, CMS has decided to make modifications to the Track 1 application requirements and is releasing a new FOA specific to Track 1 of the AHC Model. Track 1 will support bridge organizations to increase a patient's awareness of available community services through screening, information dissemination, and referral. Track 1 award recipients will partner with the state Medicaid agency, community service providers and clinical delivery sites to implement the Model. The modifications to the Track 1 application include the following: (1) Reducing the annual number of beneficiaries applicants are required to screen from 75,000 to 53,000; and (2) Increasing the maximum funding amount per award recipient from \$1 million to \$1.17 million over 5 years.

Under this announcement, CMS is accepting applications from community-based organizations, health care practices, hospitals and health systems, institutions of higher education, local government entities, tribal organizations, and for-profit and non-for-profit local and national entities with the capacity to develop and maintain relationships with clinical delivery sites and community service providers. All applicants, including those who applied to

Tracks 1, 2 or 3 in the previous FOA, are eligible to apply to this FOA.

Applicants that previously applied to Track 1 of the AHC Model under the original FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-001) must re-apply using this FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-002) to be considered for the Model.

The AHC Model is accepting applications for Track 1 at www.grants.gov through **November 3, 2016**. For more information about the AHC Model, visit CMS at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm>.

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