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## From NASUAD

### NCI-AD Launches June 1st

On June 1, 2015, the first year of data collection for the National Core Indicators-Aging and Disabilities (NCI-AD) survey will officially begin in participating states. NCI-AD is a collaborative effort between NASUAD, Human Services Research Institute (HSRI), and State Aging, Disability, and Medicaid Agencies. This face-to-face survey of older adults and people with physical disabilities being served by state LTSS systems addresses long-recognized gaps in measuring indicators and outcomes that go beyond health, safety, and service satisfaction to capture important social, community, and person-centered goals. The primary aim of NCI-AD is to provide states with valid and reliable data that will help them to assess and improve their LTSS systems. State reports from the first round of data collection will be available in December 2015.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this important initiative.

### Registration Open for HCBS Conference!

Join us for the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference held in Washington, DC, **August 31-September 3**. 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 IADD to CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, Office of Developmental Disabilities, and other federal agencies.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the conference and register.

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## 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](http://www.nasuad.org/hcbs) for more information.*

### **Medicaid and LTSS Primer Published**

The Kaiser Family Foundation released *Medicaid and Long-Term Services and Supports: A Primer* earlier this month. The report is a comprehensive guide to long-term services and supports (LTSS) in the United States. The publication details LTSS delivery and financing, types of care providers and settings, beneficiary subpopulations, quality evaluations and improvement, and recent reform efforts.

[Click here](#) to access the primer.

## From the Administration

### **Administration for Community Living**

#### **Older Americans Act 50th Anniversary Outreach Materials Available**

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has published outreach and promotional materials for communities and agencies interested in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act this July. Available materials include infographics, banners, and social media samples designed around this year's theme, "Get into the Act: Aging Well Since 1965."

[Click here](#) to view the outreach material.

#### **Funding Opportunity for State No Wrong Door Systems**

The Administration for Community Living (ACL), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) are sponsoring the award of up to six cooperative agreements for a total of up to \$4.2 million for the development and implementation of No Wrong Door (NWD) Systems by state entities.

NWD Systems allow states to provide long term services and supports through visible, trusted, and coordinated access points, while simplifying forms and processes. NWD Systems streamline eligibility processes and seek to find the best mix of services and supports based on an individual's needs and circumstances. Eligible applicants must be from one of the 25 states which received a 2014 *Transforming State LTSS Access Programs and*

*Functions into A No Wrong Door System for All Populations and All Payers* grant. Applicants must be a state entity, and only one application can be submitted per state.

Along with the application, ACL released a "[key elements](#)" document that describes the critical pieces to a NWD System. A Letter of Intent is due **Sunday, June 14, 2015**, and the application will close **Monday, July 27, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to view the full details of the funding opportunity.

## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

### Medicaid Managed Care Regulation Changes Released

On May 26, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) released a Medicaid Managed Care regulation that represents comprehensive and substantial changes to the Medicaid Managed Care rules and requirements. Key provisions include the establishment of a regulatory framework regarding Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS).

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

[Click here](#) to access fact sheets on the regulation's key provisions.

## National Institute on Aging

### Exercise Tracking and Tips Sign Up

Sign up to receive coaching and exercise tips as well as track your activities as part of the [Go4Life](#) national exercise and physical activity campaign for people 50+. Go4Life month will be celebrated in collaboration with the White House Conference on Aging this coming September. Stay active and involved with the campaign throughout the summer by signing up with the program today.

[Click here](#) to sign up for tips from Go4Life.

## White House Conference on Aging

### Final Regional Forum Held in Boston and Date for 2014 White House Conference on Aging Announced

On Thursday, May 28, the White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) hosted its fifth and final regional forum to engage with older Americans, their caregivers, advocates, and community leaders. Thursday's forum in Boston, Massachusetts, included panel discussions on the four key issues of the conference: retirement security, elder justice, healthy aging, and long-term services and supports. Policy briefs on the four key issues are

available for comment on the WHCOA website.

At the Boston regional forum, the date for the 2015 White House Conference on Aging was announced as **Monday, July 13**. The video below describes the purpose of the conference and how you can get involved.

2015 White House Conference on Aging

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

## From Other Organizations

### Coalition on Human Needs

#### **Webinar: Community Voices: Why Nutrition Assistance Matters Campaign Kickoff**

The Center for American Progress, Food Research and Action Center, Feeding America, the Coalition on Human Needs, and Witnesses to Hunger are partnering to launch a new campaign, "Community Voices: Why Nutrition Assistance Matters." A compelling personal story is worth 100 statistics and can help move hearts and minds. The goal of this campaign is to gather personal experiences about nutrition assistance programs from communities across the country and share them with media and policymakers to dispel myths and increase understanding of how these programs work and who they help. By taking part in this campaign, participants will have the opportunity to educate the public and protect and strengthen the critical nutrition programs that are vital for families and individuals in America.

The campaign kickoff webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 3, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET**. This kickoff webinar will teach participants how to take part in this new campaign, why stories are so important, practical tips for interviewing true experts, and about an opportunity to join the campaign in Washington, DC for a day of action.

[Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

## DentaQuest Foundation

### Oral Health 101 Webinar Recording Posted

On May 26, DentaQuest Foundation hosted an Oral Health 101 webinar that provided a general overview of oral health, dental disease, and prevention tactics. The webinar, which targeted grassroots grantees and other partners, also suggested tools and resources to participants. A complete audio and visual recording of the webinar is now available.

[Click here](#) to listen to and view the webinar.

## National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

### Webinar: National Alzheimer's Project Act Update

This webinar on **Thursday, June 11 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET** will provide an update on the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA). The webinar will detail how NAPA relates to care and services for people with dementia and their caregivers as well as how the updates influence practice. Ms. Rohini Khillan of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care and Services and NAPA will present the webinar.

[Click here](#) to register.

## National Resource Center on Nutrition & Aging

### Webinar: Improving Services for LGBT Seniors

Research shows that LGBT older adults are less likely to access health and social services. This webinar will provide participants with best practices for helping LGBT older adults engage in the community and feel more included. Participants will learn about the culture, needs, and concerns of the LGBT older adults; explore the reasons why this population is less likely to access services; and practice the interpersonal skills needed to effectively reach out to and work with the LGBT community. The webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 9 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET**.

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

## Rehabilitation Research and Training Center

## Opportunity to Participate in National Employment Survey

The Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Employment Policy and Measurement (EPM-RRTC), in partnership with the Kessler Foundation, is conducting an online survey of employment issues for working-age adults with disabilities. The survey is open to individuals with disabilities or family members of individuals who are employed or seeking employment. The primary purpose of the survey is to understand the mechanisms by which individuals with disabilities strive to work and the challenges they face in doing so. Findings from this survey will inform research and advocacy efforts to develop innovative and sustainable approaches across stakeholder groups to maximize the employment opportunities of people with disabilities.

[Click here](#) to take the National Employment Survey.

## Events

### Senior Center Conference

Registration is open for the 2015 Senior Center Conference being held in Columbus, Indiana. The conference, entitled Seek 2015: Engaging Communities to Age Well, will take place **September 20-22**. Register by **June 30** to receive an early bird rate of \$295 for National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) members and \$345 for non-members.

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

## Job & Internship Postings

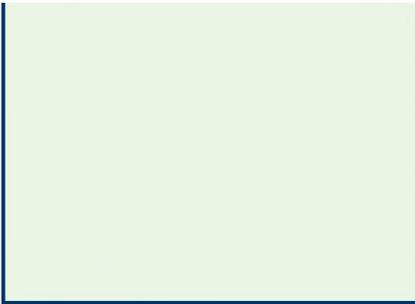
### NASDDDS Seeking Executive Director

The National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (**NASDDDS**) is seeking an executive director with broad experience and a commitment to supporting state agencies in the provision of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Interested candidates should email a resume, cover letter, and salary requirements by **June 15**.

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

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