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## From NASUAD

### 2015 HCBS Conference Recap: Materials are 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 innovation extraordinaire, Josh Linkner. Attendees danced the night away at a reception celebrating the anniversaries of Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. NASUAD is grateful to everyone, including all of our sponsors.

The presentations are now online! They are also available in the HCBS conference app. Simply select the session you are interested in (from the agenda button) and you will find the PDF file loaded after the session description. **If you do not see a PowerPoint presentation listed, it is because a copy of that presentation was not shared with NASUAD Staff.** We will be working on collecting the missing presentations. Thank you for your understanding! Please note that the transcripts from the plenary sessions will be available next week.

[Click here](#) to view the conference materials.

[Click here](#) to contact Linda Nakagawa if you see that your own presentation is missing.

### NASUAD Published Updated State Medicaid Integration Tracker

NASUAD has published the September **2015 Edition of the State Medicaid Integration Tracker**. The State Medicaid Integration Tracker is a monthly report summarizing state actions in Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS), as well as State Demonstrations to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals and other Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Initiatives.

The Tracker also includes updates on state participation in other LTSS activities, including: the Balancing Incentive Program; Medicaid State Plan Amendments under 1915(i); Community First Choice Option under 1915(k); and Medicaid Health Homes.

## \*Friday Updates Archive

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## Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities: Call for Sessions

The [Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities](#) in May 2016 will shine a regional and national spotlight on the steps Iowa is taking to meet the challenges and embrace the opportunities that accompany the ever-changing aging and disability communities.

The conference is being hosted by the Iowa Department on Aging and the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, in partnership with the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, and directed by a steering committee made up of Iowa business and community leaders and chaired by Lt. Governor Reynolds. The conference theme - "Disruptive Innovations" - focuses on the myriad ways Iowa's aging and disability communities are evolving: culturally, economically, socially, technologically, etc.

To engage professionals, policymakers, students and subject-matter experts in a thoughtful dialogue about re-imagining the aging and disability networks for Iowa and the entire Midwest, the conference invites you to [submit a presentation](#) for this year's conference.

[Click here](#) to submit a session.

## I&R Center Webinar This Tuesday: Texas' No Wrong Door System of Access

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on the Texas experience with building a "no wrong door" system of access. The webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

Strong partnerships between Texas Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) and 211 Area Information Centers are essential to providing a true "no wrong door" system of access. Join this webinar to learn about the Texas experience enhancing streamlined, person-centered information and referral services with respect to the Texas Balancing Incentive Program grant. State level and local ADRC and 211 network partners will highlight state-level initiatives and successful "best practice" models for outreach and referral management. Presenters are Leigh Schroeder, Manager, Program Business Operations, Strategic Operations and Grants, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services; Beth Noah, ADRC Coordinator, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Tarrant County; and Vicki Mize, 2-1-1 Director, United Way of Tarrant County. This presentation was first given at the 2015 AIRS conference.

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

To join the meeting, go to <https://join.me/nasuadwebinar>

On a computer, use any browser with Flash. There is nothing to

download. On a phone or tablet, launch the join.me app and enter meeting code: nasuadwebinar

To join the audio conference:  
Dial 888-346-3659  
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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.*

### 50 State Survey of Dementia Training Requirements

Justice in Aging, in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, released a new survey of dementia training requirements in each state. The number of Alzheimer's and other dementia diagnoses is on the rise, but there is often little to no training for staff and professionals that work with these populations. This survey revealed gaping holes in state law and offers promising practices to inform improvements and changes for the future. The findings from the survey are available in a five-paper series.

[Click here](#) to access the survey and findings.

## From the Administration

### Administration for Community Living

#### Dementia Webinar Series

The Administration for Community Living (ACL), the National Institute on Aging (NIA), and the National Institute on Health (NIH) are partnering to sponsor the 4th annual webinar series on Dementia Resources & Research. Their goals are to inform the Aging, Public Health, and Dementia Research networks about federal resources to help people with dementia and their family caregivers, improve coordination of the federal resources available to them, and to encourage awareness of dementia research participation opportunities. The webinar series is free and is now open for registration. There are free continuing education credits (CEUs) available for the series. The first webinar of the series is on **Wednesday, September 22, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET**. The presenters include Ruth Drew, MS, Director of Family and Information Services, Alzheimer's Association; Jennifer Watson, MA, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, NIA; and Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, MSW, Aging

Services Program Specialist, ACL.

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

[Click here](#) to view more information about the series.

## Department of Health and Human Services

### Nondiscrimination in Health Programs & Activities Proposed Rule

On September 8th, the Department for Health and Human Services released a proposed rule to implement protections against sex discrimination and enhance language assistance that protects individuals with disabilities that have limited English proficiency. The rule aims to decrease discrimination against vulnerable populations in part by increasing requirements for effective communication with individuals with disabilities and offering protections against discrimination based on an individual's gender identity. Specifically for individuals with disabilities, the rule states requirements for the provision of auxiliary aids and services, such as alternative formats, sign language interpreters, and the accessibility of programs offered through electronic and information technology. The proposed rule has been published in the Federal Register with a 60-day comment period. All comments must be received by **5 p.m. ET on Friday, November 6, 2015**.

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

## National Institute on Aging

### Webinar: Business Planing for Dementia Programs

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center is hosting a webinar on business planning for dementia programs. Participants will learn about the purpose of business planning for dementia programs, components of a business plan, funding strategies, and evaluation. Deborah Paone, DrPH, MHSA, Principal and Owner of Paone & Associates, will present on this issue. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**.

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

## Social Security Administration

### New National, State, and Congressional District Data

The Social Security Administration published updated state SSDI fact sheets with national, state, and congressional district data. The data is provided by state and Congressional district on how many workers with disabilities, their children and spouses receive

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI); the average annual SSDI benefit in relation to the poverty threshold; and the total annual benefits for all SSDI beneficiaries. This valuable data is available for each state and regional areas.

[Click here](#) to view the fact sheets.

## From Congress

### **Preventing Falls and TBI-Related Injuries Among Older Americans Congressional Briefing**

A congressional briefing on Preventing Falls and TBI-Related Injuries Among Older Adults is being held by Representative Bill Pascrell, Jr (D-N.J.) and Representative Thomas J. Rooney (R-Fla.), both of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force in association with the Brain Injury Association of America, the National Council on Aging, and the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators.

The expert panel will be moderated by Dr. Wayne Gordon, Jack Nash Professor, Vice Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. The distinguished panel of speakers features Edwin Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration for Community Living; Dr. Grant Baldwin, Director of the Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention at the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Howard Bedlin, Vice President, Public Policy and Advocacy, National Council on Aging; Martha A. Roherty, Executive Director, NASUAD; and William A. B. Ditto, Chair of Public Policy, NASHIA. The briefing will take place on **Wednesday, September 16, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET at 122 Cannon House Office Building.**

[Click here](#) to view event details.

[Click here](#) to view the briefing flyer.

## From the States

### **Georgia: 11 Alive Senior Source**

Georgia's population of older adults is growing every day, particularly in the Atlanta region. 11 Alive has launched Senior Source, which is a television resource for senior's surrounding aging and living well. Senior Source is partnering with the Georgia Division of Aging Services and the Metro Atlanta and North West Georgia Aging and Disability Resource Connection to provide relevant and updated information regarding medical, legal, and financial issues that seniors face in their every day lives.

[Click here](#) to view details.

## Ohio: Ten Million Steps to Prevent Falls

National Falls Awareness Day is September 23 this year. To celebrate, the Ohio Department of Aging, through their Steady U Ohio initiative, is raising awareness with their "10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls" campaign. This campaign aims to get older Ohioans to take 10 million steps during the month of September, while also teaching elders about the things they can do to minimize the risk of falling. Research shows that walking 15-30 minutes each day prevents the risk of falls because it strengthens muscles and increases stamina. If you want to participate you can walk with older adults and post selfies on social media using the hashtags #PreventFalls, #10MStepsOH, and #MileinTheirShoes. Additionally, visit the [SteadyU website](#) for more information about participating in the initiative and for falls prevention tips and resources.

[Click here](#) to view details about the campaign.

## From Other Organizations

### Alzheimer's Foundation of America

#### **New Training Video: AFA Partners in Care: Supporting Individuals Living with Dementia**

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) launched a new video training program to support individuals living with dementia. This is a six hour training video that was created for paraprofessionals and professionals that work with individuals with dementia to teach them practical skills and knowledge. The training video includes topics from diagnoses through the end of life to dementia care professional self-care. Certification to be a Dementia Care Partner is available after taking the training video by completing an online examination.

[Click here](#) to view details about the video.

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### Institute of Medicine

#### **Workshop: Nutrition and Aging**

The Institute of Medicine's National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine is hosting a two day workshop on nutrition and aging. The workshop will examine what we can each do to address the changing dietary needs of the older adult population. There will be specific emphasis on gaining understanding of the factors in the physical, social, and cultural environment that impact nutrition and the aging process. The workshop will cover: What is healthy aging?; preferences and behaviors of the 50+ population; emerging physiological insights; emerging ecological insights; national programs addressing the

dietary needs of the older adult population; roles of the community and food sector, and research priorities and gaps.

There will be a webcast of the event available online if you cannot make it to the workshop in person. The workshop will take place in Washington, D.C. on **Wednesday, October 28, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET** and **Thursday, October 29, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET**.

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

## National Council on Aging

### Call for Proposals: Benefits Enrollment Centers

The National Council on Aging's Center for Benefits Access has 8 grants available for a 16-month period to selected organizations for the implementation of Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs). BECs provide person-centered enrollment assistance to low-income Medicare beneficiaries on five core programs, as well as other benefits that may be available in their communities. Those programs are: LIS/Extra Help, Medicare Savings Programs, Medicaid, LIHEAP (energy assistance), and SNAP/food stamps. The entities that qualify for eligibility are public or nonprofit providers, faith-based organizations, state and local government agencies serving older adults or adults with disabilities, and consumer and community advocacy organizations. The grant awards will be up to \$100,000. If you are interested in submitting an application, please submit it by **Friday, November 13, 2015, at 5 p.m. ET**. You may also submit an optional notice of intent, which is due by **Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 5 p.m. ET**.

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

[Click here](#) to view grant details.

## Oral Health America

### Oral Health Advocacy Day and Reception

Oral Health America (OHA) in collaboration with the Dental Trade Alliance's Oral Health Can't Wait initiative, are hosting the 6th annual Fall for Smiles Advocacy Day Reception. The event, Aging in America: "You Can't Be Healthy without Good Oral Health," will feature Ellie Hollander, President and CEO of Meals on Wheels as the keynote speaker. Additionally, Dr. David Satcher, the 16th United State Surgeon General will be recognized with the Marvin Goldstein Outstanding Public Service award. The reception will take place on **Wednesday, September 30, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET**. The following day on **Thursday, October 1, 2015**, OHA's board members and staff will meet with congressional leaders to inform them of the current issues regarding oral health.

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

# Events

## **Consumer Voice Annual Conference**

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care is hosting its annual Consumer Voice Conference. This conference brings together long-term care consumer, advocates, ombudsmen, agency personnel, policy makers, researchers, providers and others to reinforce the advocacy perspective. This year's agenda features a listening session with CMS; a wide variety of workshops on topics such as alternatives to using antipsychotic drugs and enforcement of nursing home regulations; plenaries on the new federal HCBS regulations and palliative care for persons with advanced dementia; and many important group meetings.

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

# Jobs & Internships

## **SCAN Foundation Seeking Director of Communications**

The SCAN Foundation is seeking applications for a Director of Communications in Long Beach, CA. The Director will serve as lead communications strategist and expert for the Foundation and will be responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating the Foundation's communication efforts in a highly interactive and collaborative team environment. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of Bachelor's degree in communications, journalism, or related field, five years of experience in communication and media campaigns, and writing, editing, and presentation skills. A Master's degree is preferred.

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