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From NASUAD

Presentations Available from AIRS Pre-Conference I&R/A Summit

The National Aging and Disability Information & Referral/Assistance (I&R/A) Pre-Conference Summit held last week at the 2015 AIRS Conference focused on business acumen as aging and disability I&R/A agencies across the country are challenged to both sustain and expand their business model in a rapidly-changing environment. Topics addressed included "Setting the Stage" to introduce business acumen concepts and opportunities for I&R/A agencies; "Organizational Culture Change: From Grant-Based to Entrepreneurial Operations"; and "Creating a Value Proposition and Demonstrating Quality: Building Blocks of Business Acumen." All of the presentations from the day-long summit are now available from the National I&R Support Center on the NASUAD website.

[Click here](#) to view the Pre-Conference Summit presentations.

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 for more information.

National Employment and Disability Survey Released

The Kessler Foundation and the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire have conducted a national survey focusing on employment issues for working age adults with disabilities. The survey polled 3,000 people with disabilities who answered questions regarding their experiences in the workplace, including questions on their successes and the challenges they faced. Researchers found that Americans with disabilities are "striving to work" and are overcoming barriers in the search for employment and in the workplace.

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

2015 Caregiving Report Published

Released on June 4 by the National Alliance for Caregiving, *Caregiving in the U.S. 2015* provides insights into a wealth of caregiver data. The study identifies changes in the caregiver population, in particular the increasing diversity among caregiver demographics. The study provides new details on higher-hour caregivers (at least 21 hours of care a week), caregivers ages 75 and older as well as challenges that caregivers face in the workplace. The report also includes information on caregiving activities, stresses, and supports.

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Updated Organization Structure Announced

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has announced a new organization structure that formally incorporates the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The changes include moving the National Institute for Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research from the Department of Education to ACL and the creation of the Administration on Disabilities (AOD).

[Click here](#) for the full press release.

[Click here](#) to view the new ACL organizational chart.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Share Beneficiary Stories for the 50th Anniversary

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is looking for stories about how Medicare and Medicaid programs have changed the lives of Americans across the nation. To illustrate the faces of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, CMS is requesting the submission of personal stories to show how these health care programs change the lives of real families and impact communities across the country.

The stories will be used to help bring life to speeches and content on CMS websites, and some beneficiaries will be invited to share their stories at events or be interviewed for videos. Additionally, as part of the CMS celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the two programs, CMS is building a gallery exhibit that tells the stories of 50 beneficiaries - one story from each state. The exhibit, consisting of photos and stories, will be displayed at the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, DC.

[Click here](#) for a beneficiary story sharing form.

[Click here](#) for a model release form.

March 2015 Report on Eligibility & Enrollment Data Released

On Thursday, June 4, CMS released the March 2015 report on state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) eligibility and enrollment data. The total number of individuals enrolled in the two programs and receiving comprehensive benefits topped 71 million. Among states that had implemented Medicaid expansion in March 2015, enrollment in the two programs rose over 28 percent compared to July-September 2013 data. In contrast, in states that had not expanded Medicaid by March 2015 the enrollment increase was only 8.6 percent for the same period.

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

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Tips on Planning for Financial Decisions for Older Americans

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and Securities and Exchange Commission have issued a consumer advisory and investor bulletin aimed at helping older Americans and their loved ones help plan their future. The bulletin provides tips on organizing important documents, considering financial power of attorney, and assisting with ongoing financial responsibilities. The document also lists resources for seniors and contact information for reporting suspected elder abuse.

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

From the States

Pennsylvania

MLTSS Planning Encourages Public Input

On June 1, the Pennsylvania Departments of Human Services (DHS) and Aging (PDA) released a discussion paper as part of the plan to implement a Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) program. The document outlines Governor Wolf's proposed 2015-16 budget and commitment to increasing opportunities for older Pennsylvanians and individuals with physical disabilities to remain in their homes. The MLTSS program initiative aims to provide a more strategic care delivery system and improve health outcomes for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The discussion document invites public comment, and additionally, public hearings on the plan will be held throughout the state during the month of June.

[Click here](#) for more information on the MLTSS initiative, the discussion paper, and public hearings.

From Other Organizations

AARP

Webinar: Care Coordination in Managed Long Term Services and Supports

Care coordination has been a focal point of managed long term services and supports (MLTSS), but the field faces rapid changes as many states move to expand Medicaid managed care. This webinar on **Wednesday, July 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET**, will provide detailed information on the who, what, and why of care coordinators. In the webinar, the AARP Public Policy Institute (PPI) will release a major study by Truven Health Analytics and discuss its findings.

[Click here](#) to access registration and details on the webinar.

American Society on Aging

AiA16 Proposal Submission Extended

The American Society on Aging has extended the deadline to submit a proposal to present at AiA16 until **Monday, June 15**. The opportunity to present provides a large network to share new ideas, noteworthy projects, and successful practices. Proposal topics may include issues of integrated care networks, policy, mental health, caregiving, business acumen, and more. The conference will be held March 20-24, 2016, in Washington, DC.

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

Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging

Accepting Applications for the Innovation in Caregiving Award

The Innovation in Caregiving award recognizes individuals who, in caring for an older adult in a residential setting, have invented a device or technique that solves a caregiving challenge or have found a new application for an existing device or technique that supports caregiving of older adults. Individuals assisting younger individuals with disabilities may also be eligible for the award if their device or technique can be used to help care for adults aged 60 and older. Applications are due **June 30, 2015**. Up to three winners will receive \$1,000.

[Click here](#) to access the application and view previous winners.

Institute for Educational Leadership

Seeking ADA Generation Stories

As the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) approaches, the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) is collecting stories from the ADA Generation about what the Act means to them. The ADA Generation refers to youth and young adults who came of age since the passage of the ADA. Stories can be submitted in written (500 word maximum), graphic, or video (3 minute maximum) form. The stories will be published on the IEL website and shared on social media. Stories must be submitted to finkd@iel.org by **July 1**.

[Click here](#) to learn more about submissions and the collection.

National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

Webinar: National Alzheimer's Project Act Update

This webinar on **Thursday, June 25 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. Please note the date of the webinar has changed from previous announcements (previously scheduled for June 11).

[Click here](#) to register.

National Disability Institute

Financial Independence Initiative Launched

On June 3, National Disability Institute (NDI) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) announced the launch of ROADS (Reach Outcomes. Achieve Dreams. Succeed.) to Financial Independence. The ROADS initiative will provide people with disabilities who are already working or who are transitioning into the workforce with coordinated services to promote financial stability and improve their economic future. Participants will have access to a financial counselor to assist them in setting financial goals and implementing a strategy to achieve them. The initiative will operate in six national sites: Austin, Texas; Birmingham, Alabama; Seattle, Washington; Finger Lakes, New York; throughout the state of Delaware; and the Greater Washington DC Metro area.

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

National Resource Center on Nutrition & Aging

Funding Opportunity: Building Business Capacity of Senior Nutrition Programs

Eight competitive mini-grants of \$10,000 each are being offered to Senior Nutrition Programs to better prepare them for entering into healthcare contracts. The funding and technical assistance opportunity is designed to strengthen the business acumen and align service capabilities for programs to negotiate, either directly or as a part of a bundle of community-based services, healthcare contracts. Eligible applicants are Senior Nutrition Programs that currently receive funding from the Older Americans Act for Title III Part C - Nutrition Services or Title VI Grants for Native Americans to provide meals and other nutrition services to older adults in the community. Applications are due by **Tuesday, June 30** and can be submitted through the Meals on Wheels America online grant system.

[Click here](#) for more details on eligibility and the funding.

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.

Just for Fun

More Than Just A Sign

Fed up with drivers ignoring the signs for designated parking spaces, the nonprofit organization Dislife.ru and people with disabilities in Russia used a creative campaign to call attention to the problem. Dislife.ru brought the 2-D disability signs to life by projecting real people with disabilities in parking spaces in shopping malls and business centers in Moscow.

Dislife: More than Just a Sign

Events

2015 Consumer Voice Annual Conference

The Consumer Voice Annual Conference will be held in Washington, DC, **November 4-7, 2015.** Registration is now open, and those who register before July 10 will receive a discount. The 2015 Conference offers attendees policy updates from key experts, information on best practices nationwide, and takeaways to help put systems or individual advocacy into effective action.

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

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

Posting for Director of Federal Affairs at PHI

This job posting is an opportunity to lead PHI's federal policy program, which works at the intersection of low-income workforce development and eldercare/disability services. The Director will work closely with the Vice President of Policy and the Policy Team to set federal policy priorities, strategic plans, and legislative and regulatory strategies. Qualified applicants should have at least five years federal government experience and three years of policy experience. The application period will close **Friday, July 24**.

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

AARP Public Policy Institute Opening for VP of LTSS/Livable Communities

AARP Public Policy Institute (PPI) is accepting applications for the position of Vice President, Livable Communities and Long Term Services and Supports. The position involves management of diverse policy analysis and leadership of innovative Enterprise-priority partnerships. Applicants with expertise in LTSS financing are preferred. Qualified candidates will have a Master's degree and at least 10 years experience in policy and/or research initiatives as well as extensive management experience.

[Click here](#) to view the full posting and learn how to apply.

Senior Position with NASHP

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is looking for a Program Director to work on evaluations of the state demonstrations to integrate care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. The Program Director is responsible for leading the qualitative evaluation of demonstrations in several states. The position is also responsible for program development and management in other areas of state health policy. The position is based in Washington, DC.

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

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 **Monday, June 15**.

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

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