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## Ending Senior Poverty on Many Fronts

Bill is a 67-year old Oakland, CA resident who has struggled with homelessness. His story is featured in the video that accompanies the Special Report below.

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### **Special Report: How to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults**

More older adults are homeless or at risk of homelessness than at any time in recent history. As the population ages, more adults are aging into poverty. The lack of affordable housing and higher costs for health care and other necessities are also leaving greater numbers of older adults at risk of poverty and homelessness, and systemic economic problems are contributing to the problem. On Monday, we released a Special Report in partnership with The National Alliance to End Homelessness, [How to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults](#). You won't want to miss the accompanying video telling the story of

Bill, a 67-year old Oakland, CA resident who has struggled with homelessness. [Please read the paper, watch the video](#) and share both with your networks.

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## Our Take on the First Evaluation of the Duals Demonstrations

In late January, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the first ever evaluation of the federal Financial Alignment Initiatives, known as the dual eligible demonstrations. The “[Report on Early Implementation of Demonstrations under the Financial Alignment Initiative](#),” provides extensive detail on the early challenges, successes, and impact of the demonstrations. As national leaders on the demos (we’ve been following them closely since August 2013), we have awaited the first evaluations. In March, we analyzed the findings and found that they reinforce what we’ve compiled from state-level advocates on demonstration design and implementation. In March, we published an issue brief, [The Duals Demonstration: A First Glimpse at Lessons Learned](#).

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## Reflections on Senior Poverty from the Aging in America Conference

The need to address senior poverty came up at this year’s Aging in America Conference. We participated in a number of sessions at the conference and worked hard to keep the issue at the forefront. Executive Director Kevin Prindiville and Special Counsel Paul Nathanson took part in the ASA Chairs’ Lecture, *Senior Poverty and What We are Doing about It*. Later in the week, Paul provided the keynote for ASA’s Business Forum on Aging event, *The State of Older People: Their Economic Security, Their Health*. Additionally, Directing Attorney Jennifer Goldberg, and Senior Staff Attorney Amber Cutler participated in the conference session, *Dual Eligible Demonstrations: Lessons Learned and Planning for the Future*. Though we’ve made progress as a community in understanding and addressing poverty among older adults, we need to do more to raise awareness among and compel action from policymakers, the media, and the public. [Read our blog](#) over at ASA on our reflections on the conference.

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## Taking a Stand Against Senior Poverty

Our first-ever San Francisco awards ceremony and fundraiser last week was a great success. On behalf of the more than one-million low-income seniors in California who struggle to meet their daily needs, we were pleased to honor **Tony Thurmond, CA Assemblymember from District 15** with an **Impact Award** for his work to combat senior poverty in the Bay Area and across the state; and **Anne Hinton, Former Executive Director of the San Francisco Dept. of Aging and Adult Services**, with the **Paul Nathanson Distinguished Advocate Award** for her years of work to improve the lives of low-income seniors. Thank you to all of our sponsors and all the attendees who generously donated. Between sponsorships and donations from individuals attending that night, **we raised \$110,347.00**. [Check our website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for photos from the event.

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