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From NASUAD

NASUAD Launches Introduction to Elder Abuse Course Online

NASUAD has launched a new course, An Introduction to Elder Abuse, on its free online training system, NASUAD IQ. The course provides participants with an overview of the issue of elder abuse. The course materials define, distinguish, and explain the significance and impact of elder abuse, as well as offer strategies to respond to possible scenarios. The course is designed for individuals in the fields of aging and disabilities who may encounter elder abuse or vulnerable adult abuse situations. The course includes a PowerPoint presentation, voiceover audio presentation, written narrative, and quiz. Participants who score 80% or high on the course quiz will receive certificates of completion. NASUAD IQ hosts over 15 free and informative courses on aging and disability services and policies.

[Click here](#) to access NASUAD IQ.

[Click here](#) to preview the Elder Abuse course syllabus.

I&R Center Webinar: 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 Patricia Bordie, Manager, Community Access & Grants Unit, 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.

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[Click here](#) to join the I&R Center's distribution list.

2015 HCBS Conference-Only 9 Days Away- Download the App and Register Today!

Join us for the [National Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Conference](#) held in Washington, DC, **August 31-September 3**. The 2015 National HCBS Conference is going to be the largest to date with over 1,200 attendees! Because of this, we will be requiring everyone to wear their name badges at all times. As workshop rooms fill up, staff will be around to help direct you to a less full session. We thank you in advance for helping things run smoothly.

We have a very full and exciting agenda, with a number of compelling plenary sessions, a technology track, a very full exhibit hall, and a dance party with the same band returning from last year's conference!

This year the HCBS Conference is offering a Conference App, sponsored by [FEi Systems](#), which includes a full detailed agenda that you can bookmark, a listing of all attendees you can connect with through the app, and a complete listing of our exhibitors and sponsors! The mobile app for National HCBS Conference App is [now available](#). Your log-in is the email address you used to register, and the password is "hcbs." If you have difficulty logging in to the app, please contact [Rachel Feldman](#).

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

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.

Building A Culture of Engagement for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees

The Center for Health Care Strategies released a technical assistance brief, funded by the Commonwealth Fund, that examines member engagement approaches used by participating health plans in Promoting Integrated Direct Care for Eligibles (PRIDE). The brief highlights promising strategies for providing Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with complex medical, behavioral

health, and social service needs. There is specific emphasis on the approaches to building trusting relationships with members as it helps the process to best identify what services each person needs on an individual basis.

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

APS Seeks Feedback on Draft Guidelines

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) released [Draft Voluntary Consensus Guidelines for State APS Systems](#) in an effort to support states in developing effective Adult Protective Services (APS) systems. The guidelines were written by experts in the field using the best research available on effective practices. The goal is to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities are afforded proper protection and services. ACL acknowledges the diversity of the network that works with APS and they want to hear feedback from all parts of this system. The listening session will be held on **Wednesday, August 26, 2015, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET**. The deadline for comments is **Friday, October 30, 2015**.

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

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

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

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

National Medicare Education Program Meeting

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are sponsoring a National Medicare Education Program (NMEP) Meeting to mobilize national and local organizations to support outreach and education on the Medicare Program. The goal of the meeting is to connect public and private organizations that work together at state and local levels to help CMS program-eligible individuals understand their health care options. You must register in advance to attend this meeting. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 9, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET**.

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Seeking Applications for Health IT Advisory Committees

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) has open positions for the Health IT Policy Committee (HITPC) and the Health IT Standards Committee (HITSC). The HITPC is looking for a Consumer/Patient Representative while the HITSC is seeking applications for a variety of positions including Long-term Care Representative and Ancillary Healthcare Worker Representative. Applications must be submitted through [ONC's application database](#) by **Friday, September 11, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to access the Policy Committee applications.

[Click here](#) to access the Standards Committee applications.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

New App to Help Americans Find Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a new [Resource Locator](#) mobile application for both smartphones and tablets. This application offers an easier method for Americans to get help on answers to any housing-related questions they may have. It has the capability to connect users with building managers, public housing authorities, and property management companies, to learn about available HUD housing, including people with disabilities and seniors.

[Click here](#) to download the app.

Department of Labor

Establishing Work and Full Participation as Accountable Health Outcomes: Feedback Wanted

The Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) is hosting the second in a three-part series of important dialogues, Establishing Work and Full Participation as Accountable Health Outcomes. These dialogues are designed to collect data from the interested stakeholders to inform policy recommendations that will reduce the number of working adults who have lost their jobs after their ability to work was hindered by a health condition. The DOL's crowdsourcing tool allows for stakeholders to provide feedback to ODEP. All feedback must be submitted by **today, Friday, August 21, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to provide feedback.

Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Advisory Committee Draft Report

The Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities, created by the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), released a copy of its draft Interim Report on August 10, 2015. The report, which is required by the WIOA, offers a summary of the Committee's progress, interim findings and conclusions, and preliminary recommendations. The Committee is currently examining the use and oversight of 14(c) certificates allowed under the Fair Labor Standards Act and new methods to increase competitive integrated employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The final version of the Interim Report is due to the Secretary of Labor and Congress by **September 15, 2015**.

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

From Other Organizations

American Society on Aging

Webinar: Generations Education Series

The American Society on Aging is hosting a webinar series on various topics relevant to the aging field. The webinars will accompany upcoming issues of *Generations*, the Journal of the ASA. This series and the issues of *Generations* are made possible by a grant from the Archstone Foundation. The first webinar of the series will be presented by Bill Walsh, Director of Strategy, Planning, and Executive Communications at AARP. He will speak about the factors that have led to the increase in self-empowered aging, the scientific background for popular consumer solutions, and the ethical, financial, and public policy challenges of self-directed care. This webinar includes complimentary CEUs. The first webinar will take place on **Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET**.

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

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

Center for Health Care Strategies

New Resources to Advance Integrated Care for Dually Eligible Individuals

Through Promoting Integrated Care for Dual Eligibles (PRIDE), supported by The Commonwealth Fund, the Center for Health Care Strategies is helping a group of health plans advance efforts to integrate care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. Plans participating in PRIDE are exploring strategies for fostering person-centered care; engaging providers and enrollees; and scaling-up models while maintaining high-touch care. CHCS has released two new resources from this project: 1) a technical assistance brief that outlines promising strategies for engaging

Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with complex medical, behavioral health, and social service needs; and 2) a blog post, detailing five priority areas that have emerged during the first two years of the PRIDE initiative.

[Click here](#) to view the blog post.

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

Justice in Aging

Push for the SSI Restoration Act Passage

Justice in Aging reports that the [Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\) Restoration Act of 2015](#) (S 1387 and HR 2442), which was introduced in Congress on May 19, 2015, is gaining traction in both the Senate and the House. Currently ten Senators and more than 30 Representatives have signed on to the bill to reduce senior poverty. The bill will provide for overdue updates to the SSI program that millions of the poorest older Americans and people with disabilities rely on as their sole source of support. Additional information about the Act and a sample constituent letter are available on the Justice in Aging website.

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

Mathematica

Policy Forum: State Trends in the Child SSI Program

Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy is hosting a forum on state trends in the child Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. This event will use Mathematica's new study, completed for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to teach attendees about the findings and possible implications for future policy and program decisions. The speaker panel will feature David Wittenburg, Mathematica; David Mann, Mathematica; Bonnie O'Day, Mathematica; Purvi Sevak, Mathematica; and John Tambomino, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The event will take place at Mathematica's Washington D.C. office on **Thursday, September 24, 2015, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.**

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

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Webinar: The Next Line of Business for AAAs & CBOs: Bundled Payments

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) is hosting a webinar on the ever-changing landscape of healthcare. The webinar will be presented by Tim McNeill, RN, MPH, ACL Consultant. He will speak about the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement model, other bundled payment initiatives, and their impact on local markets. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, August 25, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. ET.**

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

National Consumer Law Center

Webinar: The Fine Art of Balancing Protection with Self Determination

The National Consumer Law Center is hosting a webinar on the ways to balance self-determination with the right amount of protection for older adults and people with disabilities. The webinar will be presented by David Godfrey of the American Bar Association and Jonathan Martinis of Quality Trust for People with Disabilities. The topics for this webinar will include the Supported Decision Making model, tools to enhance communication with people with differing abilities, and best practices for promoting self-determination and choice using a method that lessens risk of exploitation. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, September 22, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

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

Sibling Leadership Network

DOL Clarification of Sibling Coverage for Family and Medical Leave

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) allows eligible employees of covered employers to take unpaid, job-protected leave to care for their own health or for a family member who has a serious health condition. This previously excluded siblings who assumed caregiving roles. The Sibling Leadership Network (SLN) and the National Council on Aging (NCOA) have worked with the Department of Labor (DOL) to offer new guidance clarifying the eligibility for siblings to care for their adult brothers and sisters with disabilities. The DOL has issued two updated Fact Sheets and a FAQ that includes situations when siblings may be protected. The changes allow for coverage if the sibling is functioning "in loco parentis," meaning in place of the parent.

[Click here](#) to access the fact sheet.

[Click here](#) to access the fact sheet.

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

The SCAN Foundation

New Resources for Community-Based Organizations

The SCAN Foundation just released new resources targeted at community-based organizations, like AAAs and CILs, who seek partnerships with managed care plans and other integrated delivery systems to provide long-term services and supports.

SCAN has sponsored "The Linkage Lab" for selected California CBOs to provide organizational development resources for their leadership and management teams. The tools include resources like the [pricing and sustainability toolkit](#), case studies, and more.

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

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