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From NASUAD

In Memory of Trish Vradenburg

NASUAD is profoundly sad to share that Trish Vradenburg passed away on April 17. Trish founded UsAgainstAlzheimer's with her husband George Vradenburg. UsAgainstAlzheimer's was born out of their passion to fight back against Alzheimer's disease, which Trish's mother Bea Lerner, the wife of her father Joseph H. Lerner, succumbed to in 1992. Trish was instrumental in leading the organization on a path to make meaningful progress against a disease that caused her family so much pain.

Trish was a relentless advocate who helped achieve increased funding for Alzheimer's research and build a growing public-private consensus that a cure for the disease must be reached by the year 2025. Recently, she spearheaded the launch of the Alzheimer's Party, imploring members of Congress to join a bipartisan movement to end Alzheimer's disease.

There will be a public memorial service in Washington, D.C., on May 9 at a venue to be determined. Family and friends will be honoring Trish's legacy.

Business Acumen 101: Modernizing Your Community Based Business in a Changing Environment

The Disability Network Business Acumen Center will be hosting a webinar for Community Based Organizations (CBO)*, whose mission is rooted in supporting people with disabilities and/or older adults to have vibrant and meaningful lives in their community. This mission is achieved through a culture and philosophy that values person-centered practices which in turn has yielded a highly customized and community specific provider network. With the movement toward integrated health care, join the Disability Network Business Acumen Center to learn more about national efforts to help CBOs sharpen their business skills in order to translate their mission and expertise into value-add partnerships with a variety of payers including managed care organizations.

Please join the Disability Network Business Acumen Center on **April 26, 2017 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. ET** for a webinar: "Business Acumen 101: Modernizing your community based business in a changing environment. Where your mission meets the road."

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To join the meeting: [Modernizing Your Community Based Business in a Changing Environment](#)

Conference Number(s):

Toll access number (Toll): 1-646-560-7802

Toll free access number (Toll Free): 1-888-407-5039

Participant pin code: 18946298

To stay up to date on the Disability Network Business Acumen Center's webinars, [click here](#).

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: Sexual Assault & Survivors with Disabilities

In recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living (ACL), are co-hosting a webinar for domestic and sexual violence service providers and community-based programs serving persons with disabilities. National conversations often fail to include survivors with disabilities, even though people with disabilities experience sexual violence at rates more than three times higher than people without disabilities.

This webinar will be held on **Monday, April 24, 2017, 11:30am - 1:00pm ET.**

For more information, [click here](#).

Webinar: Person-and-Family-Centered Best Practices in No Wrong Door Systems

Join ACL for a webinar to learn how organizations within a state's No Wrong Door (NWD) System have used person-and-family-centered practices to transform access to LTSS.

This webinar will feature Virginia and Wisconsin's successes and best practices in implementing person-centeredness, which has accelerated change in their state NWD Systems. State agencies, policymakers, and advocates will learn about the value of improving access to care through streamlined partnerships, technology, and resources that put the focus on the needs of people and their families. Toolkits and resources will be shared, including a checklist that provides a roadmap for operating key LTSS organizations in a more person-and-family-centered way.

This webinar will be held on **Wednesday, April 26 at 2:00 p. m. ET.**

For more information, [click here](#).

Webinar: Providing Safe and Effective Nutrition for People with Dementia

ACL's National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center has partnered with the American Society on Aging for a webinar on **May 16, 2017 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET.**

This presentation will identify the unique concerns and needs of people with dementia, and provide tips on how to assist in addressing these needs. It will also describe challenges of using Meals on Wheels for people with dementia.

The speakers include, Janet McKee, president and proprietor of Nutritious Lifestyles, a nationwide dietetics consulting company, and Liz Weaver, MS, LSW, project manager for the Southern Maine Agency on Aging's Alzheimer's Disease Initiative Grant.

For more information, [click here](#).

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

QMD Public Comment Notification

On behalf of CMS's Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Mathematica Policy Research is seeking public comment on the measure specification and justification for a quality measure currently under development and testing. The measure is called: "Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder."

A memo listing questions, as well as the measure information form (MIF) and measure justification form (MJF), are available in zip files in the Download section on this web page: [Click here](#).

The public comment period for this measure runs from April 20, 2017 to May 10, 2017. Please submit your comments by close of business May 10, 2017 to SUDQualMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com.

From Other Organizations

AARP

Male Caregivers Video Series

The AARP Public Policy Institute (PPI) has released a new video series that features male caregivers talking about their experiences. The videos include:

- a [millennial](#) caring for his wife and their young daughter,
- a [partner](#) sharing the challenges and triumphs of caring for a terminally ill partner,
- a traditional-style [support group](#) for African-American male family caregivers, and
- an [organization that supports](#) a group of male family caregivers of partners with a terminal illness.

There is also a new report from the AARP Public Policy Institute

that reports that the Caregiving in the U.S. 2015 survey found that 40% of family caregivers in the United States are men. The report [Breaking Stereotypes: Spotlight on Male Family Caregivers](#) describes who the male family caregivers are, the range of caregiving tasks they provide, and their experiences and challenges.

Women and Long-Term Services and Supports

More women than men will need long-term services and supports (LTSS) in their lifetimes due to longer than average life spans and higher rates of disability and chronic health problems.

Furthermore, women are also the primary providers of LTSS; women make up the majority of both paid direct care workers and unpaid family caregivers.

AARP Public Policy Institute (PPI) has a new fact sheet that describes how women are at the center of all aspects of LTSS. Read the fact sheet [here](#).

Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

Registration Open for the AIRS Conference

Registration is open for the **39th annual AIRS I&R Training and Education Conference in Tampa, Florida May 21-24!**

The Registration Brochure is available through the AIRS website at www.airs.org/conference, along with additional conference information including hotel reservations, online registration and a program summary.

For aging and disability I&R/A professionals, the National I&R Support Center invites you to join us for the **National Aging and Disability Information and Referral Symposium** during the AIRS Conference. The Symposium offers a pre-conference National I&R/A Summit for aging and disability professionals, a full complement of conference workshops, and an Aging and Disability Luncheon. Conference workshops will feature national, state and local professionals presenting on key topics such as national policy developments impacting aging and disability programs, the role of I&R in managed care contracts, long distance caregiving, partnerships, decision-making support, community transportation, disability rights and accessibility, and other key issues. This year's pre-conference summit will include an interactive training on motivational interviewing for aging and disability professionals. For further information on the Symposium, contact Support Center Director [Nanette Relave](#).

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation

Webinar: Introduction to Medicare with a Special Emphasis on Coverage for Individuals Living with Paralysis

The Paralysis Resource Center, operated by the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, is hosting a webinar on **May 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. ET**. This webinar will include an overview of Medicare eligibility and enrollment, coverage facts and myths, home health benefits therapy caps, and appeals.

The presenters are Judy Stein and Kathy Holt from the Center for Medicare Advocacy.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Amputee Coalition

Sepsis and Limb Loss: Awareness and Prevention

The Amputee Coalition is hosting a webinar on **Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:00 PM - 2:00 p.m. ET** on sepsis and limb loss. Sepsis is the body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, limb loss, organ failure, and even death. This session is designed for clinicians and people affected by limb loss who would like to learn more about the connection between sepsis, prevention and limb loss.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Diverse Elders Coalition

Impact of the President's Proposed FY18 Budget Cuts on Diverse Elders

The Diverse Elders Coalition has just released two new fact sheets on the impact of the President's proposed FY18 budget cuts on diverse elders.

The SCSEP-focused fact sheet talks about the impact of employment training on the financial security of our communities. [Click here](#) to read this fact sheet.

The necessity of disaggregated data collection fact sheet raises the alarm about funding for Census 2020 and the value of disaggregated data collection about diverse elders. [Click here](#) to read this fact sheet.

NCOA

Webinar: Using the Elder Index to Gauge Elder Economic Security

The National Council on Aging is hosting a webinar on the Elder Index. Participants will learn what the Elder Index is, the different costs that it includes to measure the economic security of older adults in a specific location, how to apply the Elder Index to your work, and engagement strategies to connect seniors with a network of community resources and tools for financial assistance.

This webinar will be held on **April 26, 2017 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

Jobs & Internships

SNP Alliance Seeks President/CEO

The President and CEO is the chief executive for the SNP Alliance and national leader for SNPs and MMPs in advancing a proactive agenda of health systems transformation. As "the face" of the organization, the President/CEO will work with a newly created Board to ensure that the SNP Alliance's fiscal management, operations, financing, marketing, human resources, technology, programmatic strategies, and policy/advocacy are effectively implemented. As "the voice" for health system transformation, the President/CEO will work with the SNP Alliance board, members, and a variety of organizations and national leaders in crafting and advancing improvements in policy and practice to better serve high-risk/high-need persons.

For more information and a complete job description, click [here](#).

South Dakota Seeks Medicaid Director

The State of South Dakota is looking for a passionate expert to bring their Medicaid expertise to help them shape healthcare for their citizens. Use your combined knowledge of the State Medicaid program with a desire to serve the most vulnerable populations with quality healthcare programs. Your success innovating and leading states' programs that optimize processes to enable agency success and performance will be important. The state is seeking a progressive leader to help South Dakota think, lead and deliver with outcomes in mind.

Some key functions of this job will be:

- Administration of a \$500M+ program;
- Oversight and enablement of personnel;
- Maintain collaboration with sister agencies and stakeholders;
- Drive thought leadership within a regulatory and accountability framework.

View the job description [here](#).

Grant Opportunities

ACL Grant: Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase II

The Federal Small Business Innovation Research Program's (SBIR) aim is to stimulate technological innovation in the private sector, strengthen the role of small business in meeting Federal research or research and development (R/R&D) needs, and improve the return on investment from Federally-funded research for economic and social benefits to the Nation. More specifically, the program aims to improve the lives of people with disabilities through R/R&D products generated by small businesses, and to increase the commercial application of National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)- supported research results and development products. Phase II is intended to expand upon the results of and to further pursue the development of Phase I projects.

Phase I grantees from fiscal year 2015 and 2016 are eligible to apply. Applicants must also continue to be small business concerns. An estimated four grants will be awarded to small businesses.

The closing date for applications is **Jun 12, 2017**.

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