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From NASUAD

HCBS Call for Sessions Extended Until Friday, March 10th!

Final submissions will receive a confirmation email. If you believe you have submitted but did not receive a confirmation email please call NASUAD for assistance.

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is pleased to announce the Call for Sessions for the 2017 National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference, August 28- August 31, 2017 in Baltimore, MD.

The **HCBS Conference** has become the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of home and community based services. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this important event. 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. Proposals are currently being accepted for one hour and fifteen minute workshops.

Submissions are expected to be descriptive and engaging. We encourage you to consider bringing a panel of partners together and using exciting and engaging ways of presenting your materials. The **Call for Sessions** for the 2017 HCBS Conference will close on **March 3, 2017**.

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

Want to Win a Free Registration for the 2017 HCBS Conference? Submit your I&R Technology Practice!

While person-to-person communication is often at the heart of Information & Referral/Assistance (I&R/A) interactions, technology is transforming how Americans seek information. Social media, smartphones, mobile apps, ecommerce and other developments are changing expectations for how individuals access and receive information. In this evolving field, the identification and sharing of promising practices can help strengthen our understanding of the role of technology in I&R/A programs that serve older adults, people with disabilities, and family and friend caregivers. NASUAD's National Information and Referral Support Center has launched a Technology in Practice contest to identify

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and disseminate promising practices on the use of technology in aging and disability I&R/A programs. We encourage national, state and local organizations that provide I&R/A services to think broadly about their use of technology, including practices that make better use of existing technology, those that leverage low-cost technology, and those that adopt new or emerging technology.

Please view the link below to find more detailed information about eligibility, selection criteria, and awards. Prizes include complimentary registration for the 2017 Home and Community Based Services conference. For the submission form in an alternate format, or any questions, please contact I&R Support Center Director Nanette Relave at nrelave@nasuad.org. The deadline for submission has been extended to **Friday, March 3rd, 2017**.

[Click here](#) to submit an entry.

Webinar: The National Limb Loss Resource Center: A Critical Tool to Help You Meet the Needs of your Clients with Limb Loss

The National I&R Support Center will host a webinar on The National Limb Loss Resource Center: A Critical Tool to Help You Meet the Needs of your Clients with Limb Loss. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 22, 2017, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET**.

Since 1997, the Amputee Coalition has operated the National Limb Loss Resource Center to meet the information and resource needs of the limb loss community. As a specialized I&R center, the Coalition's NLLRC provides a critical resource for I&R practitioners who may encounter clients with limb loss. This webinar will provide background about the limb loss community - including information and resource needs, how the Amputee Coalition's NLLRC addresses these needs, how the NLLRC can serve as a resource for other I&R centers.

Real-time captioning will be provided for this webinar.

Pre-registration is required for this webinar. Space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.

To register:

1 [click here](#)

2. Click "Register".

3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

HCBS Clearinghouse

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.

Aging with Health and Dignity: Diverse Elders Speak Up

In 2016, the Diverse Elders Coalition partnered with Caring Across Generations to collect nearly 5,000 comments from our communities about what individuals need to age with health and dignity. Comments were collected in six languages from all 50 states and provided a snapshot of the challenges of aging in communities of color, LGBT communities, and American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

These comments were synthesized into a series of recommendations for policymakers and service providers that can be found in the report, "Aging with Health and Dignity: Diverse Elders Speak Up." Based on the comments, the Diverse Elders Coalition recommends the following to legislators and policymakers as they shape aging programming in the United States: culturally and linguistically competent services for elders; greater support for aging-in-place, especially policies that support affordable housing and livable communities in urban and underserved rural areas, including Indian Country, Alaska Native villages, and Hawaiian Home Lands; and accurate, disaggregated data collection about our communities. Access the report [here](#).

Disruptive Innovation in Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation

The Center for Health Care Strategies released a new issue brief which outlines the current state of Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) services, including challenges and opportunities for improvement. It explores innovative alternative models being piloted by states and health plans across the country to expand NEMT options.

This brief, a product of the Complex Care Innovation Lab made possible by Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit, explores alternative transportation models piloted by states and health plans across the country, including the use of transportation network companies, such as Uber and Lyft, to augment NEMT services.

[click here](#) to read the full brief.

From the Administration

Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

CMS Federal Medicaid Director Named

On March 2nd, Modern Healthcare reported that Brian Neale has been selected to lead the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In the role Mr. Neale will have responsibility for leading the Federal Medicaid program, which includes oversight of

Medicaid LTSS services. Brian Neale was previously the healthcare policy director in Indiana during Vice President Mike Pence's time as Governor. In that role, he worked closely with Seema Verma, who is awaiting final confirmation to lead CMS.

[Click here](#) to view Modern Healthcare's article.

Department of Justice

Webinar: Elder Justice Initiative Highlights U.S. Department of Justice's Elder Justice Website

The Elder Justice Initiative of the U.S. Department of Justice will hold a webinar that aims to help law enforcement quickly respond to elder abuse. Presenters for the webinar are Yolonda Campbell, Trial Attorney, Elder Justice Initiative, and Randy Thomas, who is a law enforcement consultant. The webinar will highlight the Department's Elder Justice website, ElderJustice.gov, as well as provide a number of different resources. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, March 8, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

National Center for Health Statistics

New Maps Based on National Study of Long-Term Care Providers

The Long-Term Care Statistics Branch (LTCSB) at the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has released two new products using data from the 2014 wave of the National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP). The first is a map and Powerpoint of selected characteristics of residential care communities and residents in the United States. The second set is maps of selected characteristics of adult day services centers and participants in the United States. Characteristics include center ownership and chain status; disease specific programming, practices, and revenue sources; and participant functioning, health conditions, and adverse events.

[Click here](#) view the Residential Care Communities map.

[Click here](#) to view the Adult Day Service Center map.

From Congress

House of Representatives

House Continues to Develop ACA Repeal and Replacement Policies

On Friday, February 4th, the news outlet Politico released a copy of legislation being drafted by Republican Leadership in the House of Representatives that is intended to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. The legislation would effectively terminate the bulk of the Affordable Care Act at the end of 2019. A wide range of policies are proposed to be terminated on December 31, 2020 with significant changes to the Medicaid and the insurance marketplace taking effect simultaneously. The bill includes proposals such as:

- * Repealing the ACA advanced premium tax credits (APTCs) which are used to subsidize the purchase of health insurance on the exchanges;
- * Repealing ACA taxes, including the increased Medicare tax; the tax on high-cost health plans; the health insurer tax; and the medical device tax, among others;
- * Establishing a new tax credit to purchase insurance that is based upon age rather than income:
 - * The credit would vary from \$2,000 for individuals younger than 30 to \$4,000 for individuals over 60.
- * Eliminating the increased Federal matching rate (FMAP) for 1915k/Community First Choice services;
- * Rescinding increased FMAP for the ACA expansion group;
- * Setting a per-capita cap on Medicaid expenditures; and
- * Providing \$100 billion in grants to states in order to establish programs that support the insurance marketplace and individuals with significant health conditions.

Final policies that will be included in the ACA repeal/replace package are still very much under discussion. In the Senate, several Republicans have previously expressed reservations and concerns about some of the policies that were included in this draft bill such as the repeal of Medicaid expansion, the implementation of per capita caps, and a policy to end funding for Planned Parenthood. In the House, a number of conservatives expressed concern about the establishment of a new entitlement via the refundable tax credit. Separately, President Trump endorsed many of the policies included in this draft legislation during his speech to Congress on Tuesday. Specifically, he recommended expanding the use of Health Savings accounts and providing refundable tax credits to assist with the purchase of insurance.

More recently, Republican leadership has continued updating the legislation. Several news outlets have reported that a new copy of the bill is being shared with members of the Energy and Commerce committee, which is responsible for many of the repeal and replace policies. Reporting indicates that the legislation is being protected in a reading room, where some members may view the bill but not remove any copies of the policy. The legislation is expected to be considered in the Energy and Commerce committee this month, potentially as early as next week.

To read NASUAD's summary of the earlier legislation [click here](#).

From Other Organizations

AARP

AARP Public Policy Institute Livable Communities Update

AARP Public Policy Institute has published a new fact sheet outlining housing trust funds. These trust funds serve the housing needs of low-income families in nearly all states and over 400 localities. This fact sheet explains how they benefit a range of residents, including older adults and individuals with disabilities.

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

American Society on Aging

Webinar: Methods and Techniques for Early Dementia Screening for People with IDD

This webinar will discuss various forms of dementia that are found in the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) field. The NADRC has partnered with the American Society on Aging for this series.

Participants will also be informed on:

- The frequency of the occurrence of dementia, and the importance of early detection
- Early signs of dementia
- Techniques to incorporate the early dementia-screening tool into a routine healthcare regimen

Presenters:

- Kathleen M. Bishop, PhD, consultant for various aging organizations and IDD networks
- Sandra Fournier, MSN, ACL

This webinar takes place on Tuesday, March 7 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. ET. Complimentary CEUs are available. [Click here to register.](#)

The webinar will be recorded and available for viewing at nadrc.acl.gov

The Arc

Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports Survey

The Arc, in collaboration with the Research and Training Center on Community Living at the University of Minnesota, has launched the 2017 Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports Survey which seeks to capture perceptions of family caregivers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) on a range of life-span issues. We are inviting people aged 18 years or older who provide primary un/paid and frequent support to a family member with

an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD) living in the United States and its Territories to provide feedback on their experiences.

To participate, the individual must be 18 years or older and provide primary unpaid and frequent support to a person with an intellectual or developmental disability living in the United States (and U.S. territories).

The Survey can be found [here](#).

ARCH National Respite Network

Call for Presentations for the 2017 National Lifespan Respite Conference Now Open

The 2017 National Lifespan Respite Conference will be held in Huntsville, AL at the Embassy Suites Hotel on **October 11-13, 2017**. The conference will be hosted by the [Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network](#) in collaboration with the [ARCH National Respite Network](#). The conference theme, Take Off with Respite!, reflects the incredible history of the space industry in Huntsville, AL, also known as Rocket City USA. It also reflects the mission of the respite care network - to rise to meet challenges, heighten awareness, and push innovation to ensure a safe landing for the nation's 43 million family caregivers. The [Call for Presentations](#) is now available. The deadline for responding is **March 24, 2017**. A proposal for a breakout session on any aspect of planned or emergency respite service delivery, access, research, evaluation, policy, best practices or innovation is welcome. [Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities](#) are also available. For more information, please visit the [National Lifespan Respite Conference website](#).

Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

Registration is now 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 preliminary program summary. The conference registration is open, and Early Bird Savings (\$100 per person on the standard rate) are available to all who register by April 1st, 2017.

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.

Kaiser Family Foundation

Interactive Maps: Estimates on Enrollment in ACA Marketplaces and Medicaid Expansion

The Kaiser Family Foundation has released an interactive map that provides estimates of the number of people in each congressional district who enrolled in a 2016 ACA marketplace health plan and the political party of each district's representative as of January.

The analysis also includes maps charting the total number of people enrolled under the ACA Medicaid expansion in 2015 in states that implemented the ACA Medicaid expansion, along with the political parties of their governors and U.S. senators. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Mathematica

New Video and Podcast on Disability Policy

Mathematica has released a new Minute video and podcast to explain how Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy (CSDP) is contributing to the evidence on today's most critical issues in disability policy. In the video, CSDP leaders and researchers highlight their work in the area of employment and income support for people with disabilities. [Click here](#) to learn more and to watch the video.

National Nutrition Month Presentations

In recognition of National Nutrition Month, Mathematica presents a five-part series summarizing our research on an array of nutrition topics. This first installment spotlights recently published findings on the effectiveness of summer electronic benefit transfers (EBTs) in improving food security and dietary intakes among school children during the summer, when they do not have access to school meals. Findings showed that the \$60 benefit substantially reduced food insecurity during the summer and also improved consumption of nutritious foods, including fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

[Click here](#) to read more about the study.

Report Addresses Aging Prisoner Population

America's prison population is aging rapidly. Between 2007 and 2010 the number of state and federal prisoners age 65 and older grew at a rate 94 times the overall prison population, making it the fastest growing demographic. The increase can be attributed to a variety of factors including the aging of the overall U.S. population, longer prison terms due to factors such as mandatory sentencing, and an increase in the number of older people committing crimes. The challenges and opportunities associated with the U.S. aging prisoner population have gained more attention in recent years with increases in research and media coverage. With funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living (ACL), a new report examines trends in the U.S. aging prison population and focuses on the role of the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) in helping to address the needs of this population. Data was gathered through a poll of n4a's members on the topic as well as follow-up interviews with a select number of AAAs that are implementing projects related to the aging prisoner population.

To access the findings, [click here](#).

National Resource Center on Nutrition & Aging

Webinar: Strategies for Your Registered Dietitian Nutritionist to Add Value & Increase Your Organization's Engagement in the Healthcare Arena

The National Resource Center on Nutrition & Aging (NRCNA) is hosting a webinar on strategies for home and community based programs that have a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) to add value in a changing healthcare environment. The webinar will feature Holly Kellner Greuling, RDN, National Nutritionist at the Administration for Community Living, and Susan Saffel-Shier, MS, RDN, Adjunct Professor in the Division of Nutrition at the University of Utah. The webinar will take place on **Monday, March 6, 2017, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.**

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

NCOA

Benefits 101 Fact Sheets Updated

NCOA has updated a series of fact sheets which provide a basic overview of eligibility and administration of core benefits for low-income Medicare beneficiaries. Each fact sheet provides a background on the program and how it is administered, eligibility criteria, information on how to apply, and references to statutes and further information.

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

Events

Dementia Action Alliance Hosts "Re-Imagine Life with Dementia" Conference & Technology Showcase

The Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) is hosting the 2017 U.S. - Canada "Re-Imagine Life with Dementia" Conference & Technology Showcase. The conference aims to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the dementia community to learn, and partake in important discussions and interactions.

The conference will take place from **June 25-27, 2017**, at the Westin Buckhead Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

[Click here](#) for more information on the conference.

Jobs & Internships

NASUAD Seeks Summer Intern

NASUAD seeks candidates for a paid summer internship. Interns will assist with production of documents, publications and other materials, as well as maintain communications for NASUAD's large events such as the HCBS Conference. Successful candidates must have strong oral and written communication, time management, organization skills.

To apply, send resume and cover letter to Rachel Feldman.

MediSked Seeks Director of Sales & Business Development - Medicaid Programs (National)

MediSked, LLC, seeks a Director of Sales and Business Development - Medicaid Programs (National) who can leverage their connections and experience in Medicaid long-term services and supports to promote MediSked's innovative suite of human services software solutions. The Director of Sales and Business Development will be responsible for leading the effort to maximize revenue and success opportunities for MediSked. This position will be based out of MediSked's Silver Spring, Maryland, office. Applications are due by **Friday, March 31, 2017**.

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

Grant Opportunities

AARP Grant: Identifying Evidence-Based Solutions for Vulnerable Older Adults

The AARP Foundation has launched a new grant opportunity for programs that ensure that low-income and vulnerable older adults have nutritious food, affordable, livable and healthy housing, a steady income and sustaining social bonds. All applications must be completed [online](#).

The application itself will consist of two parts:
Mandatory pre-application: **deadline April 7, 2017**
Invited full application: **deadline May 19, 2017**

All are invited to submit the pre-application, which, besides general organizational information, contains a list of basic information about your current program and how it aligns with AARP Foundation's mission and impact area objectives. The pre-application submissions undergo a thorough review process, from which a smaller number of organizations will be invited in April to complete a full application. During the review, applicants may receive clarification questions and follow up (which may include video conference or on-site visit). A final decision will be made by mid-June.

Grant: Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation

The Administration for Community Living's National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) announced a new grant opportunity, Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation Options for Individuals with Disabilities, under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRPP). The purpose of this grant is to further the applications of automated products and robotics to assist with transportation for people with disabilities and to improve the overall traveling chain to meet the needs of travelers with disabilities. All applications must be electronically submitted by **March 21, 2017**.

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

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