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From NASUAD

The HCBS Conference is Fast Approaching! Register Today!

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.

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.

MACPAC Report Reviews Medicaid's Role in Behavioral Health Services

The annual study examines Medicaid's performance in an effort to improve and manage care for its beneficiaries. The findings show that populations from low-income children to the elderly have a high level of unmet needs for mental health care. Additionally, the review of Medicaid's dental coverage for adults found considerable variation between states.

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

GAO Report Examines Unmet Services

This report, published by the Government Accountability Office found that almost 4 million seniors are faced with food insecurity. Findings showed that 1 in 5 seniors did not know where their next meal would come from and were in need of transportation services. However, some improvement was seen with home-based care. This report indicates that the funding for the Older Americans Act program is not sufficient for the increasing population.

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

Oral Health and Primary Care

A report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human services and a white paper commissioned by the National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health both examine the wide disparities in oral health due to lack of access. The U.S. fails to provide proper access for ongoing and preventative oral health care needs. A push must be made to integrate dental care as a component of primary care. There is also a focus on the impact and burden of oral diseases and its affect on quality of life.

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Community Living for All: Celebrating 25 Years of the ADA

A celebration for the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act will be held in Washington, DC, on **Monday, June 22, 2015, 1:00p.m.- 3:30 p.m. ET**. Registration is now closed. This event will also acknowledge the history of the Olmstead Act with emphasis on how to continue making changes in this field. It will feature several speakers and a panel discussion on how to create truly inclusive communities. Follow #ADA25 on Monday for event updates and highlights.

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

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CMS Seeks Input on Physician Compare Website

On **Tuesday, June 23, 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET**, CMS will host a Virtual Office House session to discuss the [Physician Compare](#) website. CMS will answer stakeholders' questions about Physician Compare and public reporting. Register for the session by email to the [Physician Compare support team](#). Participants should include their name, organization, telephone number, and email address in the registration email.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Physician Compare Initiative.

Share Beneficiary Stories for the 50th Anniversary

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is looking for story submissions that show how Medicare and Medicaid programs change the lives of real families and impact communities.

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.

Department of Labor

Workforce Services for Youth with Disabilities

This report for the Department of Labor examines the workforce system's current efforts to provide assistance to youth with disabilities. The focus of the research is mainly at the local level, coming from practitioners to gain insight on what factors are in need of improvement. Data was obtained through surveys completed by representatives of Local Workforce Investment Boards with specific attention to the practices and policies currently in place.

[Click here](#) for more information and to view the full report.

The White House

President Declares World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

President Barack Obama declared June 15, 2015, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in a proclamation issued this week. This day is dedicated to increase the awareness of elder abuse and

combat it to protect our elders. The President cited elder abuse as "an affront to human rights around the world" and highlighted the necessity of improving conditions and services for older adults as a priority for this administration.

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

From Congress

House of Representatives

Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill

The House Appropriations Committee released the draft funding bill for the 2016 fiscal year. A bulk of the increase supports the transition programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act from the Department of Education to ACL, and the transfer of the Traumatic Brain Injury program from HRSA to ACL. The bill provides a \$2.5 million increase for Congregate Meals and a \$3.5 million increase for the Meals on Wheels program.

[Click here](#) to view the draft funding bill.

From Other Organizations

AARP

Webinar: Care Coordination in Managed Long Term Services and Supports

The field faces rapid changes as many states move to expand Medicaid managed care and managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS), including work in care coordination. 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.

Elder Justice Coalition

Getting Serious About Elder Abuse

Bob Blancato, National Coordinator of the Elder Justice Coalition and Executive Director of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, calls attention to the pervasive and growing problem of elder abuse in the United States in his recently published [article in Forbes](#). Nearly 6 million elder abuse cases occur each year, and in the form of financial exploitation, abuse victims lose an estimated \$3 billion a year.

As part of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, the White House hosted an elder justice meeting and a congressional reception was held. Awareness is a start, Blancato argues, but more needs to be done in terms of funding the services and centers that prevent and fight elder abuse.

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

Kaiser Family Foundation

50th Anniversary Medicare & Medicaid Materials

The Kaiser Family Foundation has produced and made available several resources related to the 50th anniversary of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. From their webpage, [Medicare & Medicaid at 50 and Beyond](#), there are videos, timelines, reports, and social media feeds. The materials highlight key milestones in both programs, offer personal stories from beneficiaries, and provide in-depth details at challenges, accomplishments, and outlooks for Medicare and Medicaid.

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

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.

[Click here](#) to register.

National Council on Aging

Webinar: Medicare & End Stage Renal Disease: Benefits, Options, and Transitions Rules

Approximately one percent of all Medicare enrollees qualify for Medicare solely because they have End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). Separate from age- and disability-related Medicare, ESRD Medicare has specific rules about coverage and coordination of benefits. This webinar will discuss: when ESRD patients can enroll in Medicare; how other types of insurance coverage work with ESRD Medicare; drug coverage after a kidney transplant; and how the Health Insurance Marketplace works for ESRD patients. Nora Moran, Education Associate with the Medicare Rights Center, will present the webinar on **Wednesday, June 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

Mathematica Policy Research

Disability Research Consortium Annual Meeting

The Disability Research Consortium's (DRC) Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, DC, **August 5-6, 2015**. Registration is now open, and will close on **July 23** or when space is filled. The 2015 Conference will include access to the latest research findings, speakers from state and federal programs, and general information to improve the national disability support system. Additionally, there is a webcast registration option to virtually attend the meeting.

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

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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.

Celebrating Our Heroes of Pride

June is Pride Month and SAGE has compiled a list of events happening throughout the country. Often times, older adults are left out of the festivities during pride month. SAGE has created a blog to include stories of older LGBT heroes.

[Click here](#) to view a listing of pride events.

[Click here](#) to view stories of pride on the SAGE blog.

Events

Healthy Aging Summit

The American College of Preventative Medicine will be holding a Healthy Aging Summit in Washington, DC, from **July 27-28**. Registration is now open until **Monday, July 13**. The Social and Community Context track focuses on how social support and engagement affect quality of life and healthy aging. It will include speakers from the federal government, academics, researchers, non-profit workers and individuals from the health care field.

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

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.

Job & Internship Postings

New Mexico APS Director

The New Mexico State Personnel Office is seeking applicants for the position of Adult Protective Services Director. The APS director is responsible for the direction and administration of statewide, day to day APS operations in 21 field offices. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a Master's degree in any field and eight years of professional level experience. The application period will close on **June 29, 2015**.

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

AAPD Seeks President & CEO

AAPD is seeking applicants for the position of President and CEO of the non-profit organization. The AAPD CEO, with direction from the board of directors, is responsible for advancing the AAPD mission of promoting equal opportunity, economic power, independent living, and political participation for people with disabilities. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of five years experience in management, fundraising, and fiscal oversight.

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

PHI Director of Federal Affairs

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.

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