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From NASUAD

2015 Aging and Disability I&R/A National Survey Webinar Recap

The National I&R Support Center hosted a webinar on the results from the 2015 National I&R Survey results. In 2015, the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), in partnership with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), conducted a national survey of I&R/A agencies in the aging and disability networks. This webinar taught listeners about the data on key topics impacting I&R/A agencies, including referrals and service needs, use of social media, partnerships and system building, standards and quality assurance, training and certification, private pay, and Medicaid services. The presenters were Nanette Relave, National I&R Support Center Director, NASUAD, and Lindsay Baran, Policy Analyst, NCIL.

[Click here](#) to view the presentation and access the audio recording.

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Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities- Call for Sessions

The Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities in May 2016 will shine a regional and national spotlight on the actions the aging and disability community is taking to meet the current challenges and embrace new opportunities. Presenting at the Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging and Disabilities provides you with opportunity to share new ideas or highlight noteworthy programs and practices with other professionals in the field. Do you have a new program you think your colleagues could learn from? Are you delivering services in a noteworthy way? The Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging and Disabilities is looking for you.

Presenters include everyone from professionals who work in the field of aging and disabilities to practitioners in allied professions such as social work, healthcare, architecture, law, finance and more. The conference welcomes all interested presenters to submit proposals, particularly encouraging those showcasing replicable systems and models attendees can use to address common challenges. The deadline to submit applications is **Monday, November 9, 2015**.

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

HCBS Clearinghouse E-Clips

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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.

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Medicaid Enrollment & Spending Growth: FY 2015 & 2016

The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured released a report that provides an overview of Medicaid enrollment and spending during state Fiscal Years (FY) 2015 and 2016. The results were gathered from interviews with state Medicaid directors as part of the 15th annual survey of Medicaid directors. Enrollment and spending significantly increased in Fiscal Year 2015, which was the first full year that the Affordable Care Act expansions were implemented.

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

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National Trends in Disability Employment Report

The Bureau of Labor Statistics in collaboration with the Kessler Foundation published this month's National Trends on Disability Employment report (nTIDE). Each month this report is published to mark the changes in the realm of employment for people with disabilities. The last 11 months have been a period of job growth for Americans living with disabilities. This month showed a decline in employment statistics, raising awareness that more work needs to be done to ensure equality. Please note that these statistics are not seasonally adjusted.

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

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From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: Representing Clients in Guardianship Actions

The National Consumer Law Center, Administration for Community Living, National Legal Resource Center, and National Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities are sponsoring a webinar about Supported Decision-Making as an alternative to guardianship. Presenters Jonathan Martinis, Legal Director,

Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities, Project Director, National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making and Dr. C. Rick Ellis, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Forensic Psychologist, Spectrum Psychological and Forensic Services, will teach participants how to "win the case" for Supported Decision-Making. Participants will specifically learn about the three critical stages of winning a case of Supported Decision-Making: when helping the people you work with access supports and services to live independently; when a petition for guardianship has been filed; and when the person you're working with is under a guardianship. This webinar is part of a series of National Elder Rights Training Project/Elder Abuse Prevention webinars for the National Legal Resource Center. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. ET.

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

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Medicare Open Enrollment Begins

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the start of the Medicare Open Enrollment period for 2016. This period allows people with Medicare to look for Medicare Advantage (MA) or Prescription Drug plan (PDP). It is important for Medicare beneficiaries to reevaluate their plans to identify if there are better options for the new year. Beneficiaries can search through Medicare.gov for different plan options and to compare costs and premiums.

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

Data Set for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released Referring Provider Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Public Use File (PUF), a new data set as part of the Provider Utilization and Payment files. DMEPOS provides information about the physicians and healthcare professionals that refer their patients to DMEPOS products and services. CMS' goal of releasing this data set is to "support insight and innovations in healthcare delivery." The data set is based off of information from the 2013 calendar year and represents over 100 million claims and \$11 billion in Medicare allowed amounts.

[Click here](#) to view the data set.

Department of Transportation

Americans with Disabilities Act Guidance Circular

The United States Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration published an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Guidance Circular. This circular "provides guidance to recipients and subrecipients of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) financial assistance necessary to carry out provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the U.S. Department of Transportation's implementing regulations at 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, 38, and 39." The circular provides a comprehensive list of issues including regulations, nondiscrimination, accessible services requirements, personnel training, and responsive services.

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

From the States

Georgia Department of Human Services

Georgia Commissioner Speaks on Senior Hunger

Robyn Crittenden, Commissioner of Georgia's Department of Human Services, spoke at the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A) Conference in Savannah, Georgia this past weekend. The Commissioner's remarks focused on the importance of providing access to quality services for older adults to live fulfilling lives in the community. She also emphasized the department's focus on the issues of senior hunger in the state of Georgia. Georgia has partnered with universities across the state to develop a plan to provide low-income seniors with increased access to food stamp benefits. They are also planning a summit to focus on senior nutrition issues. NASAUD and the National Foundation to End Senior Hunger are partners in this fight to end hunger for older adults. Crittenden eloquently stated, "Senior hunger is an issue across America. It is a problem that not just

one state agency, or one network of providers can solve on their own. We all need to come together to provide our older adults with their best shot at aging with dignity."

From Other Organizations

American Association on Health and Disability

National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative Receives Year 3 Funding

The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) announced the third year of funding for the National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC). This funding comes from a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. NDNRC offers technical assistance and support to Navigators and other enrollment specialists to assist people with disabilities through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces using their [website](#). Year 2 of the funding allowed NDNRC to launch the Community Outreach Collaboratives (COCs) initiative to increase outreach. Year 3 funding will be used to expand the COCs to seven new locations in six different states.

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

American Society on Aging

American Society on Aging Offering Two Courses in Partnership with USC

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is offering two courses in partnership with the University of Southern California (USC) Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. Health and Wellness in an Aging Society, is a new five-week course taught by the leading experts in the nation. Additionally, the ASA is offering their popular Fundamentals of Gerontology course. The USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology faculty includes Pinchas Cohen, M.D.; Ed Schneider, M.D.; Jennifer Ailshire, Ph.D.; Donna Benton, Ph.D.; Kathleen Wilber, Ph.D.; and Aaron Hagedorn, Ph.D. These courses are exclusively available for ASA members and participants will receive a certificate upon successful completion of each course. The first course will occur from October 19, 2015, to November 20, 2015. Additional courses will be available throughout the year.

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

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation

New Policy Data Briefs

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation partnered with the American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) and the University of Mexico to release three new policy data briefs. Each of the briefs is related to the topic of paralysis and issues related to it. The briefs are titled Paralysis in the United States, Access to Durable Medical Equipment, and Access to Health Care for People with Paralysis.

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

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

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

Health Management Associates

Webinar: New Models for FQHC Partnerships with Hospitals

Health Management Associates is sponsoring a webinar on the new models for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) partnerships with hospitals. Attendees will learn about the ways in which FQHC's can bring additional value to hospitals, by improving care and reducing costs. HMA experts, Margaret Kirkegaard, MD, Principal and Margarita Pereyda, MD, Principal will present on the webinar with guest presenter Santina Wheat, MD, MPH, Erie Humboldt Park Site Medical Director, Core Faculty Northwestern McGaw Family Medicine Residency. This webinar is recommended for executives of FQHCs, hospitals, health systems, and clinics serving Medicaid populations; state and federal regulators and healthcare policy analysts; Medicaid managed care plans; Medicaid directors and staff; state and federal officials for public health. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, November 4, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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

LEAD Center

Launch of the Employment First Website

The LEAD Center has launched the national Employment First website, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy. This website houses a host of comprehensive resources for policymakers, researchers, and stakeholder to learn about the happenings in Employment First in one convenient place. Viewers can access national data and trends as well as state specific information and state comparisons.

[Click here](#) to view website.

The National Council on Aging

Webinar: Helping Rural Adults Achieve Aging Mastery

The National Council on Aging is sponsoring a webinar to help rural elders achieve aging mastery. This is an information webinar for attendees to learn more about an open request for proposals for the Aging Mastery Program AMP. AMP is a nationwide program that includes a 10-week core curriculum to teach participants about ways to enhance their health, financial well-being, social connectedness, and overall quality of life. The goal of this webinar is to promote this initiative in 39 small towns and rural areas in Minnesota, Washington, and Wisconsin. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, October 21, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Events

National Aging and Law Conference

The Center for Professional Development and the Commission on Law and Aging are sponsoring the National Aging and Law Conference. This year's theme is Celebrating Anniversaries with Action in recognition of the 80th anniversary of Social Security, the 50th anniversaries of Medicare, Medicaid, and the Older Americans Act, and the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The agenda includes 24 workshops and 4 plenary sessions on key topics in the law and aging world. Registration for this event is now open. The conference will take place in Washington DC from **Thursday, October 29, 2015, to Friday October 30, 2015, in Washington D.C.**

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

Jobs & Internships

RespectAbility Seeking National Leadership Program Director

RespectAbility is seeking applicants for the position of National Leadership Program Director. The program director is responsible for establishing fellowship eligibility guidelines to select qualified Fellows, creating and implementing performance metrics for the fellowship programs, providing expertise in workplace accommodations, securing relationships with vocational rehabilitation to allow for partial funding of job coaches and supports, connecting with employment agencies and partners, working with department heads, and teaching the Fellows basic business skills. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, 5 years of professional and leadership experience, and experience working with people with disabilities and the disability community. Master's degree in social work and/or special education strongly preferred. All

applications must be submitted by **Monday, November 16, 2015.**

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