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The HCBS Conference- 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.

Accessible Transit Services for All Report

The Federal Transit Administration released a report that examines the accessibility, cost efficiency, and effectiveness of public transit for passengers with disabilities. The report provides an assessment of public transit and offers suggestions for improvements that align with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. This report uses 12 case studies to analyze the state of current paratransit practices and highlights the most successful

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models.

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

Medicaid: Key Issues Facing the Program Report

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report on July 30, 2015, addressing key issues in Medicaid and the compilation of previous recommendations the office has made to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The recommendations fall within four overarching areas of access to care, transparency and oversight, program integrity, and federal financing approach. In the past, GAO made over 80 recommendations in regards to Medicaid, but the report shows that 24 of these recommendations have not been implemented by Health and Human Services.

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Disability Resources Available

Disability.gov offers reliable disability information and resources all in one convenient place. The website includes a series of 15 guides about topics ranging from disability benefits to housing assistance to job training programs. Some guides outline services that promote independence for individuals with disabilities as well. The website also offers information about local organizations and programs that promote inclusion and full community participation.

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

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Annual Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy Deemed Status Bulletin

The Centers for Medicare & CHIP Services (CMCS) released an informational bulletin on June 30, 2015, on the subject of annual re-determination of Medicare Part D low-income subsidy deemed status. This information is intended to help states with the process of ensuring coverage for dual eligible beneficiaries. The bulletin informs states that individuals that are fully or partially eligible duals or SSI recipients between July and December 2015 will have their status extended to **December 31, 2016**, and beneficiaries whose status has ended will receive notification from CMS this September.

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

Medicaid Expenditure & Enrollment Data Reported by States

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Medicaid expenditure data, which is reported by states from the Medicaid Budget and Expenditure System (MBES). This data is from the collection form CMS-64 from April 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014.

CMS also released a quarterly report of Medicaid enrollment data that is also reported through MBES. This information reflects the total number of enrollees in Medicaid. Some states have expanded Medicaid, and these states must provide the number of enrollees for each new adult eligibility group. This data was collected from October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

[Click here](#) to access the expenditure data.

[Click here](#) to access the enrollment data.

Department of Labor

Expanding Registered Apprenticeships & Pre-Apprenticeships for People with Disabilities

The Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration released a letter on July 31, 2015, on the subject of expanding registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships to create a pathway to good middle class jobs for youth and adults with disabilities. Research has suggested that registered apprenticeships allow for people with disabilities and minorities to get on track to finding well-paying jobs in the future. The letter references the white paper by the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), which offers recommendations and actions that Federal agencies can take to disseminate information about apprenticeships and increase apprenticeship participation among people with disabilities.

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

[Click here](#) to view the white paper.

White House Conference on Aging

White House Conference on Aging Livestream Videos Available

The White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) occurred on July 13, 2015. The conference included remarks by President Barack Obama, the introduction of several new initiatives from his administration, and distinguished panelists speaking on critical issues. The day-long conference included a panel on intergenerational connections and healthy aging and a discussion on elder justice. Additionally, the Department of Health and

Human Services released two new websites on [aging](#) and [long term care](#) to make accessing services easier for consumers. Videos of the entire livestream are now available.

[Click here](#) to view the recorded webcast.

From Other Organizations

Generations United

#TakeAGrandie Photo Challenge

Generations United is holding an intergenerational "selfie" photo challenge to celebrate Grandparents Day, which falls on **September 13, 2015**, this year. You can submit photos on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using the hashtag #TakeAGrandie. Also remember to vote for your favorite photo! All photos must be submitted by **September 13, 2015**.

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

National Council on Aging

Webinar: Falls Prevention Resources

Falls Prevention Awareness Day will take place on **September 23** this year. The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is hosting a webinar featuring new resources and tools for organizations to use in their falls prevention programs. NCOA, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institute of Health, will present strategies, products, and activities. The speakers will include Kathleen Cameron, the Senior Director of the National Falls Prevention Resource Center at NCOA, and Ellen Schneider, a scientist at the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the University of North Carolina and a Consultant for NCOA. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, August 13, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET**.

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

Falls Free Photo Challenge 2015

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is holding a photo contest to promote falls prevention programs for older adults. The photo contest requests submission of high-quality actions shots of older adults participating in falls prevention programs. The winners can receive prizes of Amazon gift cards and have their photos featured in NCOA education efforts. Mark your calendars because this year Falls Prevention Awareness Day occurs on **September 23, 2015**. All photos must be submitted by **August 17, 2015, at 5 p.m. ET**.

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

Events

New Centers for Independent Living National Onsite Training

The National Council for Independent Living is hosting Liberation to Leadership: The Role of CILs in Transforming Communities, a brand new national onsite training. The event will be held in Berkeley, California, **September 15-17, 2015**. The cost for the event is \$150, and it includes a tour of the Ed Roberts Campus at the University of California at Berkeley. Registration closes on **August 25, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to view the training information.

Jobs & Internships

Seeking Chief Executive Officer for Beatrice State Developmental Center

The Beatrice State Developmental Center (BSDC) is seeking applicants for the position of Chief Executive Officer. The CEO will be responsible for the management of the operational, clinical, and financial aspects of BSDC. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in human services or administration and must be familiar with Federal and State ICV/DD standards. Additionally, the applicants must have management experience working in a facility and be a Qualified Developmental Disability Professional (ODPP). Master's degree or other advanced degree in human services preferred. The posting closes on **Saturday, October 31, 2015**.

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

Seeking Center for Benefits Access Program Manager for National Council on Aging

The National Council on Aging is seeking a Program Manager on Economic Security, specifically in the Center for Benefits Access. The Program Manager will be responsible for developing innovative new programs and ensuring business process are in place to support them, building capacity among current and new grantees through technical assistance and training, conceptualizing, testing, and rollout of new written and visual materials, and collaborating with NCOA staff. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a bachelor's degree with five or more years of experience or a Master's degree with three or more years of experience. The posting closes on **Monday, August 31, 2015**.

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