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Register for the Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities!

The Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities, May 23-26th, 2016, will offer a wide array of Iowa, regional and national strategies to address the challenges and embrace the opportunities that accompany the ever-changing aging and disability communities.

The conference is being hosted by the Iowa Department on Aging and the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, in partnership with the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, and directed by a steering committee made up of Iowa business and community leaders and chaired by Lt. Governor Reynolds. Our theme - "Disruptive Innovations" - focuses on the myriad ways Iowa's aging and disability communities are and need to continue evolving: culturally, economically, socially, and technologically.

Are you looking to connect with professionals, policymakers, and subject-matter experts to learn about the creative work within the aging and disability networks? Register today to reserve your spot. Join the dialogue around best practices, unique partnerships, and recognize the innovative work of your peers. The Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging & Disabilities, alongside the NASUAD MLTSS Symposium and Spring Meeting, will be the place to collaborate on national innovations. Registration is now open!

Click here to learn more and register.

AIRS Annual Information & Referral Conference Call for Proposals

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) has released the call for proposals for the 2016 Annual Information and Referral (I&R) Training and Education Conference. AIRS is seeking workshops addressing the breadth of I&R service delivery. The Aging and Disability track provides a valuable opportunity to share developments and effective practices in serving older adults and persons with disabilities with I&R colleagues across the country. This track is coordinated by NASUAD's I&R Support Center, which strongly encourages aging and disability I&R agencies to review the call for proposals and consider a submission. Topics such as family caregiving, elder justice, mental health, aging with a disability, developments in home and community-based services, cross-sector partnerships and collaboration (including ADRC and 2-1-1 partnerships), No Wrong Door system building, ADRC funding and sustainability,

use of technology in I&R, transportation, health coverage (Medicare and Medicaid coverage), and data collection and quality assurance are all topics of interest in aging and disability I&R.

The conference is being held in St. Louis, Missouri, with pre-conference intensives on May 22, 2016 and the regular conference May 23-25, 2016. Please contact Nanette Relave with any questions.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **Wednesday, February 10, 2016.** Send submissions for the Aging and Disability track to Nanette Relave.

Click here to submit a proposal.

I&R Center Webinar: Promising Practices for MIPPA Outreach

The National I&R Center is hosting a webinar on Promising Practices for MIPPA Outreach. To learn about promising practices for providing outreach to low-income Medicare beneficiaries to increase enrollment in Medicare savings programs, NASUAD gathered information about MIPPA outreach efforts through the 2015 national survey of aging and disability I&R/A agencies. This webinar will include an overview of MIPPA legislation and the Medicare savings programs, and highlights of the case studies used to identify promising practices for outreach to low-income Medicare beneficiaries. Presenters are Brandy Bauer, Communications Manager, Center for Benefits Access, National Council on Aging and Linda Nakagawa, Policy Analyst, NASUAD. This webinar will take place on **Tuesday, January 12, 2016, from 3:00-4:00p.m ET.**

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

Click here to view details and register.
Click here to join the I&R Center's distribution list.

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.

Developing Capitation Rates for MLTSS Programs

The Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS), in partnership with Mathematica Policy Research and Airam Actuarial Consulting, released an issue brief on the state considerations when setting capitation rates for Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) programs. CHCS and its partners examined the considerations taken by eight states (Arizona, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin) as they established their MLTSS rates. This brief can be used to inform other states on how to set capitation rates

for MLTSS.

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

Medicaid & CHIP: October 2015 Monthly Report

On December 30, 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released their monthly report for October 2015 on Medicaid and CHIP application, eligibility, and enrollment data. States provides data to CMS on factors related to key application, eligibility and enrollment processes using the Medicaid and CHIP Performance Indicator Project. The data is then used to inform CMS on the operations of the programs in each state and to share state performance data publicly.

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

ACL Seeks Comments for Measuring Quality in HCBS

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is seeking comments on how the federal government should measure quality in home and community-based services. The Department of Health and Human Services contracted the National Quality Forum (NQF) to publish a report and materials on this issue. NQF recently published the second draft report and materials that include evidence and an environmental scan. The public comment period is now open. All comments must be submitted by **Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Theme and Logo Announced for 2016 Older Americans Month

On December 28, 2015, The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announced the theme and logo for this year's Older Americans Month (OAM). OAM will take place this May under the theme: Blaze a Trail. This month is meant for the country to reflect on the contributions of older adults to the nation and will also serve as an opportunity to raise awareness about the issues that older adults face every day. The new logo will serve as the sign for OAM for years to come, as it embodies ACL's vision.

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

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Health Home Medicaid State Plan Options FAQ Document Released

On December 28, 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Health Home Medicaid State Plan Option, which is authorized under Section 1945 of the Social Security Act. Additionally, several new documents have been posted including an Health Home (HH) Map, HH Fact Sheet, HH State Plan Amendment (SPA) Overview per state, and a List of Chronic Conditions.

Click here to view the FAQs.
Click here to view the HH Resource Page.

New Director Named for Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

On January 6, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that Mike Nardone will be joining the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) as Director of the Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group (DEHPG). Nardone has held many positions in the Pennsylvania state and local government, including Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Nardone most recently worked as a Managing Principal at Health Management Associates (HMA). Nardone will begin as Director on January 25, 2016.

Office of Disability Employment Policy

Three New Employment First Technical Briefs Released

The Office of Disability Employment Policy and the LEAD Center released three Employment First technical briefs for individuals working on the implementation of Employment First in their states, regions, and organizations. Each of the briefs offers different technical guidance on the following topics: Federal policy that supports Employment First systems, federal legal framework that supports competitive employment outcomes, and criteria for performance excellence.

Click here to view the press release.

From the White House

White House Conference on Aging Final Report Released

The sixth White House Conference on Aging, which President Obama hosted on July 13, was informed by a year of pre-conference activities and conversations that allowed a broad range of stakeholders to provide substantial input. At the conference, the Administration announced a number of new public actions and initiatives across the government and across the country to help ensure Americans have increased opportunity and ability to retire with dignity; that older adults enjoy the fullest physical, mental, and social well-being; that older adults can maximize their independence and ability to age in place; and that elder abuse and financial exploitation is more fully recognized as a serious public health challenge and addressed accordingly and effectively.

This week the White House released the final report for the 2015 White House Conference on Aging that summarizes the work of this eventful year as well as the feedback we have received in the course of carrying it out.

From Other Organizations

Health Management Associates

Webinar: Provider Vitality Workshop

Health Management Associates (HMA) is hosting a webinar on strategies for ensuring an energized and effective healthcare workforce. Healthcare providers are essential for an effective healthcare system, however many providers are under constant stress and pressure. HMA expert, Jeffery Ring, PhD, Principal, will present an interactive workshop about the dangers of provider burnout and the choices healthcare agencies can make to avoid it. This webinar is recommended for practitioners providing direct patient care including physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and occupational, physical and rehab therapists; and clinical and operations managers who are concerned with staff recruitment, retention, and vitality. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, January 28, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

Click here to view details and register.

National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

Webinar: Effective Communication & It's Impact on Behavioral Symptoms

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center is hosting a Technical Assistance webinar that will focus on the issue of effective communication and its impact on behavioral

symptoms in people with dementia. Participants will learn about various dementia care models that help explain why behavioral symptoms occur and how communication strategies can effect behavior and about a model used in a specialized dementia care facility that focused on effective ways to communicate with persons with dementia to meet their underlying emotional needs and to both validate and value the person with dementia. The presenters are Dr. Cathy Piersol, Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, Clinical Director of Jefferson Elder Care, Thomas Jefferson University; and Judy Berry, Founder, Dementia Specialist Consulting, Educational and Inspirational Speaker. Pre-registration is required to attend this webinar. The event will take place on **Thursday, January 28, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

Click here to view details and register.

National Council on Independent Living

Call for Sessions Open for the Annual Conference on Independent Living

The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) Call for Workshop Proposals is open for the 2016 Conference on Independent Living. This year's conference theme is "Solidarity-Everybody In," highlighting the importance of solidarity in the fight for equality in this movement. NCIL is seeking proposals that align with the following tracks they have developed based on their 2016 goals: International track, intersectionality track, SILC track, youth track, and the general track. NCIL created a document with important information for presenters. Additionally, individuals who cannot fill out the online form can submit via Word or plain text forms.The conference will take place from **Monday, July 25, 2016, to Thursday, July 28, 2016,** in Washington D.C.

Click here to submit a proposal.

National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative

New Blood Clot Population Specific Fact Sheet

The National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC) released a new fact sheet on blood clots, published by the American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) and authored by the National Blood Clot Alliance. The fact sheet offers Navigators information about issues that specifically affect individuals who have had blood clots to assist them with decisions related to healthcare coverage. This publication is part of a population specific fact sheet series that is intended to equip Navigators and other specialists with vital information for specific populations in the disability community.

Click here to view the fact sheet.

Click here to view the other fact sheets.

Third Age Committee

Webinar Series on Dementia in Older Adults with IDD

The Third Age Committee, in partnership with the the Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center, is hosting a monthly 4-part webinar series on Dementia in Older Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities from January to April 2016. The topics include: Creating Dementia-Capable Spaces Through Sensory Awareness; Creating Dementia-Capable Care Through Awareness of Systems Issues; Behavior is Communication: Non-pharmacologic Interventions for Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD) in Adults with IDD; and Pharmacotherapy Considerations in the Treatment of Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD). The cost of each webinar is $30 per computer access point or a $90 package deal for all four webinars. The webinars will take place from **1:00 p.m.
 to 2:30 p.m. ET** on **Tuesday, January 12; Tuesday, February 23; Tuesday, March 15; and Tuesday, April 5.**

Click here to view details and register.

Events

Annual Disability Statistics Compendium

The Institute on Disability and UCED at the University of New Hampshire are hosting an event where they will release the Annual Compendium of Disability Statistics & Report on Disability. A live webcast of the event will be available for individuals unable to attend the event in person. The Compendium is a web-based tool that pools disability statistics published by various federal agencies together in one place. A briefing and overview of the newest Compendium will start off the event followed by a data panel discussion and several sessions from different esteemed speakers. The compendium will take place on **Thursday, February 4, 2015,** at the Washington Center, Blinken Auditorium in Washington D.C.

Click here to details and register.

Funding Opportunities

CMS Accountable Health Communities Grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation released a request for proposal (RFP) for

an Affordable Care Act (ACA) funding opportunity for Accountable Health Communities (AHC), funding opportunity number CMS-1P1-17-001. The AHC model will test three community-focused interventions of varying intensity and their ability to impact total health care costs and inpatient and outpatient health care utilization. There are different tracks-Increase Awareness, Provide Assistance, and Align Partners-with varying funding amounts available. Each track will run for a five year period. A letter of intent to apply is required and due by Monday, February 8, 2016. An electronic cooperative agreement application is due by **1:00 p.m. ET** on **Thursday, March 31, 2016.**

Click here to view the full posting.

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Base Grant

The Administration for Community Living released the application for the the 2016 State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Base Grant Funding Opportunity. Congress created the SHIP in 1990 with the goal of assisting Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and their caregivers to make informed health insurance choices. There are currently 54 active SHIP grants; one in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The funds awarded through this application are for the FY 2016 budget period, April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017. Eligible applicants are states and United States territories that demonstrate their ability to provide the program through the state office of insurance, the state Medicaid office, or the department on aging.All applications must be submitted by **Monday, February 15, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

Click here to view the full posting.

Enhanced Training & Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program Grant

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has released the Fiscal Year 2016 Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program solicitation. The program provides three year awards for up to a total of $400,000 to local communities to address abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect against victims who are 50 years of age or older. Award funds must be used to organize training and cross-training for criminal justice and other professionals, develop services for older victims, and create or enhance a coordinated community response. All applications must be submitted by **Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

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