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From NASUAD

New Fact Sheet: Certification for I&R Specialists - Aging/Disabilities

Certification for Information & Referral (I&R) specialists recognizes the knowledge, skills and professionalism of I&R practitioners. In response to frequently asked questions regarding certification for I&R specialists who work in aging and disabilities, NASUAD, the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS), and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) partnered to develop a fact sheet on the Certified Information and Referral Specialist-Aging/Disabilities (CIRS-A/D) certification that is offered through AIRS. The fact sheet addresses key questions including eligibility for certification, the application process, recertification, and the roles of national partners. To learn more about certification for specialists working in aging and disabilities, see the new [fact sheet](#) on the CIRS-A/D program.

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

I&R Center Webinar: Data & Outcomes: National Survey Findings

The National Information & Referral Center is hosting a webinar on Data and Outcomes: National Survey Findings. As I&R/A professionals know, good data is critical to achieving good outcomes for the individuals and families that you serve. As part of a data study for the state of Colorado, NASUAD recently conducted a national survey of State Agencies on Aging and Disabilities and Medicaid Agencies to assess the status of data collection and outcome measurement for services for older adults and persons with disabilities, and to highlight important trends, developments and practices. The survey also touched upon structure and location of ADRC/SEP/NWD systems. Join us on November 2 to hear about these key findings, including information on systems for consumer access to long-term services and supports. NASUAD's Senior Director, Damon Terzaghi, will present. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 2, 2016, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET**. Pre-registration is required.

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

HCBS Clearinghouse

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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.

Addressing Food Insecurity in Primary Care: Models for Patient Screening and Referral

IMPAQ International and AARP Foundation recently released an issue brief titled "Addressing Food Insecurity in Primary Care: Models for Patient Screening and Referral." Recognizing the importance of food security on health and health care outcomes for older adults, the issue brief describes ways in which health systems have implemented food security screening and referral processes, including partnering with community organizations for referrals, and key factors in their success.

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

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

New Brief Focuses on the Importance of Oral Health

On Thursday, October 20, the Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Center for Policy and Evaluation published a policy brief titled "Oral Health's Relationship to Disease and Options for Expanding Services for Older Adults and Adults who Have Disabilities." Poor oral health can be prevented and has been linked to issues in overall health. Currently, Medicare does not cover most oral health services and Medicaid has little dental coverage for adults, leaving many poor older adults and adults with disabilities with inadequate access to services. States do have options to expand access to oral health services. This policy brief offers information about the current climate surrounding oral health and options for expanding access to oral health for these populations.

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

ACL Disability Programs Provide Funding to Promote Inclusion

Several of the Administration for Community Living's (ACL) disability programs have recently granted funding to better the disability network and ensure access to ACL-funded programs and services for all people with disabilities. The Administration for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD), the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), and the Independent Living Administration (ILA) all provided funding to enhance the

cultural and linguistic competency of the disability network.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the grants.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS Releases 2017 Medicaid Managed Care Rate Development Guide

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Medicaid Managed Care Rate Development Guide created for states to use when setting rates starting between January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The guide also includes information about CMS' expectations of information to be included in actuarial rate certifications. It will be used as a basis for CMS' review.

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

Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Public Health 3.0

On October 18, the Department of Health and Human Services' Assistant Secretary, Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, announced the opening of Public Health 3.0. Public Health 3.0 is a major upgrade in public health practice to emphasize cross-sectoral environmental, policy, and systems-level actions that directly affect the social determinants of health and advance health equity. It represents a challenge to business leaders, community leaders, state lawmakers, and Federal policymakers to incorporate health into all areas of governance.

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From Other Organizations

American Society on Aging

Webinar: Social Media for Professionals in Aging

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is hosting a webinar for professionals in the field of aging on social media platforms.

Social media platforms are changing the way Area Agencies on Aging, health promotion programs, gerontologists, geriatricians, doctoral candidates, students and professionals in aging services communicate. Today, social media offers us a way to directly connect and interact with clients, influencers and policy makers. This web seminar will identify social media platforms, their demographics and offer suggestions on how individuals and their

organizations can benefit from connecting to their clients using social media. Presenters for the webinar are Judi Bonilla, Director, Program Innovation for Advocates for Aging and Dr. Carmenza Millan, AARP Office of Community Engagement, Community & Field Advisor, Central Region. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, November 3, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Applied Self Direction

Save the Date: Self Direction Conference

The National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPS) has offered a biennial Financial Management Services (FMS) Conference for the past 10 years. With the NRCPS moving to Applied Self Direction, they are excited to announce that they are building on the successful FMS Conference to host a Self Direction Conference. The Self Direction Conference will be held on May 8th-9th, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore, MD.

[Click here](#) to view details.

Justice in Aging

Dignity Forum: Ensuring Economic Security as America Ages

Justice in Aging is hosting a special event in Washington, DC. Attendees will hear from three panels of academics, advocates, and direct service providers, who will share data and stories about their work with low-income older adults and offer policy recommendations to improve the health and economic security of this population. The event is free and will take place on **Tuesday, November 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m ET** at the Barbara Jordan Conference Center 1330 G Street, NW in Washington, DC.

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

Events

AARP Solutions Forum: Families Caring for an Aging America

AARP is hosting a Solutions Forum on the topic of "Families Caring for An Aging America: Current Landscape and Opportunities for the Future." The event will take place on **Thursday, December 1, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET** at the Washington Court Hotel in D.C. The event includes a continental breakfast and discussion of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's report, Families Caring for an Aging America. The report recommends that the next

presidential administration take steps to address the health, economic, and social issues facing family caregivers of older Americans. Hear from experts on the consensus committee that authored the report, and thought leaders who will react to the report's findings, recommendations, and calls-to-action.

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

Jobs & Internships

UMASS Boston Seeks New Institute Director

The Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston is hiring a new director. The ICI is a research and training institute focused on empowering people with disabilities in the areas of employment, health care, education, and community life. Qualified applicants will be skilled in grant development, foundation fundraising, and/or donor cultivation. An entrepreneurial spirit is a plus. All applications must be accepted by **Monday, October 31, 2016**.

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

NASUAD Seeks Senior Director of Business Acumen for Disability CBOs Center

NASUAD is seeking a Senior Director to manage the Business Acumen for Disability Community Based Organizations Center.

The Senior Director will have the responsibility for the overall programmatic and administrative functions of this new three-year federal grant. Key responsibilities will be coordination of partner agencies, leadership and management of the learning collaborative, coordination of technical assistance trainings and tools for the project, and establishing strong partnerships with integrated health plans.

The successful candidate will be college-educated (Master's preferred), and have strong leadership, written and oral communication skills, as well as analytical capabilities.

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

NASUAD Seeks Research Assistant/Communications Assistant

NASUAD is seeking a Research Assistant/Communications Assistant to assist with multiple grant and project deliverables. Responsibilities include assisting to create online trainings, member communications and surveys, website and social media updates, and research and analysis of legislation/policies.

The successful candidate will be a college graduate, and have strong written and oral communication skills and analytical capability. Knowledge of website and survey tools and an advanced understanding of Microsoft Excel is a plus.

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

Funding Opportunities

CMS

CMS Announces a New Funding Opportunity for Track 1 of the Accountable Health Communities Model

CMS, in January 2016, released a new Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for a model called the Accountable Health Communities (AHC). This Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation model focuses on the health-related social needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. The AHC Model is based on emerging evidence that addressing health-related social needs through enhanced clinical-community linkages can improve health outcomes and reduce costs. The original FOA requested applications for three different scalable tracks featuring interventions of varying intensity that would address health-related social needs for beneficiaries. After receiving inquiries and stakeholder feedback, CMS has decided to make modifications to the Track 1 application requirements and is releasing a new FOA specific to Track 1 of the AHC Model. Track 1 will support bridge organizations to increase a patient's awareness of available community services through screening, information dissemination, and referral. Track 1 award recipients will partner with the state Medicaid agency, community service providers and clinical delivery sites to implement the Model. The modifications to the Track 1 application include the following: (1) Reducing the annual number of beneficiaries applicants are required to screen from 75,000 to 53,000; and (2) Increasing the maximum funding amount per award recipient from \$1 million to \$1.17 million over 5 years.

Under this announcement, CMS is accepting applications from community-based organizations, health care practices, hospitals and health systems, institutions of higher education, local government entities, tribal organizations, and for-profit and non-for-profit local and national entities with the capacity to develop and maintain relationships with clinical delivery sites and community service providers. All applicants, including those who applied to

Tracks 1, 2 or 3 in the previous FOA, are eligible to apply to this FOA.

Applicants that previously applied to Track 1 of the AHC Model under the original FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-001) must re-apply using this FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-002) to be considered for the Model.

The AHC Model is accepting applications for Track 1 at www.grants.gov through **November 3, 2016**. For more information about the AHC Model, visit CMS at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm>.

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