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Materials Available for the I&R Center Webinar on Supported Decision-Making

On December 6, 2016, the National I&R Support Center hosted a webinar on Supported Decision-Making for I&R/A professionals. Supported Decision-Making is a way older adults and people with disabilities can make their own decisions, by receiving the help they need to do so. This webinar discussed what Supported Decision-Making means in practical, everyday terms; why it is important; and how it is emerging in practice within the United States. The presenter was Morgan Whitlatch, Legal Director for the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities and Lead Project Director of the National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making. Materials from this webinar are now available on the I&R Center Website, including the slides, audio, and transcript.

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

HCBS Clearinghouse

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.

Navigating the Demands of Work and Eldercare

On December 6, 2016, the United States Department of Labor (DOL) released a new report titled, *Navigating the Demands of Work and Eldercare*. This report offers information about the millions of people in the workforce who are simultaneously providing unpaid caregiving to aging family and friends. Different policies can help assist these workers in the competing demands they see from their employers and the elders they care for including: Paid sick time, scheduling flexibility and predictability, and preventing discrimination against caregivers.

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

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From the Administration

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

2017 Supplemental Security Income & Spousal Impoverishment Standards

On December 2, 2016, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the 2017 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) & Spousal Impoverishment Standards. "Certain Medicaid income and resource standards are adjusted beginning each January in accordance with changes in the SSI federal benefit rate (FBR) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI)." The informational bulletin provides a detailed chart that displays the new standards.

[Click here](#) to view the informational bulletin.

CMS Office of the Actuary Releases 2015 National Health Expenditure

On December 2, 2016, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the 2015 National Health Expenditure. "The report concludes that 2015 expenditure growth was primarily the result of increased use and intensity of services as millions gained health coverage, as well as continued significant growth in spending for retail prescription drugs. Spending on prescription drugs increased 9.0 percent in 2015, lower than the 12.4 percent growth in 2014, yet significantly higher compared to 2.3 percent growth in 2013. On a per-enrollee basis, overall spending increased by 4.5 percent for private health insurance, 1.7 percent for Medicare, and 3.8 percent for Medicaid."

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

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime and the Elder Justice Initiative Announces Solicitation

The Department of Justice (DOJ), through its Office for Victims of Crime and the Elder Justice Initiative, announced that it intends to release a \$3.25 million solicitation in the early months of 2017, which is entitled OCV FY 17 Field-Generated Innovations in Addressing Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation. The DOJ anticipates releasing the solicitation in the second quarter, or the months of January, February, or March. The grants will be broken into three broad categories, including: Combating Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation; Increasing Justice for Older Americans, and; Remediating Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation.

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

Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

MACPAC Releases 2016 Edition of MACStates Medicaid & CHIP Data Book

On December 8, 2016, the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) announced the release of their December 2016 edition of the *MACStates: Medicaid and CHIP Data Book*. The Data Book acts as the annual update from the commission of national and state-specific data for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). "The 2016 edition of MACStats compiles data on Medicaid and CHIP that policymakers need to understand how Medicaid and CHIP operate at the federal and state levels. These [statistics](#), which MACPAC regularly updates on [macpac.gov](#), come from multiple sources and are often difficult to find."

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

From Other Organizations

Aging and Disability Business Institute

Webinar: Assessing CBO Capacity to Partner with Health Care Entities

In the era of integrated and accountable care, community-based organizations (CBO) are well-positioned to take advantage of opportunities presented by healthcare entities seeking social-service provider partnerships. Getting from "willing" to "ready" however, can take a lot of work and strategic business planning. CBOs need to assess their capacity among a number of operational and organizational domains that are important for successful healthcare collaboration, including culture, staffing, marketing, pricing, data collection and analysis, quality reporting, and others. This web seminar will feature expert advice and tips on how a CBO can go about determining if it is ready to engage in healthcare contracting, what steps to take to begin this work and the shift in perspective that can enable a CBO to evolve its business development practices to drive performance and demonstrate value in the changing healthcare landscape. This webinar will take place on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Alliance of Information & Referral Systems

Call for Proposals Open for 2017 I&R Training & Education Conference

The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) has released the call for proposals for the 2017 Annual Information and Referral (I&R) Training and Education Conference. The conference is being held in Tampa, Florida, with pre-conference intensives on May 21 and the regular conference May 22-24, 2017. AIRS is seeking workshops addressing the breadth of I&R service delivery.

The Aging and Disability conference track offers a great 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, mental health and substance abuse, disability across the lifespan, social determinants of health, cross-sector partnerships and collaboration (including ADRC and 2-1-1 partnerships), business acumen, partnering with health care entities, No Wrong Door system initiatives, ADRC funding and sustainability, use of new technologies in I&R, transportation, housing, and data collection and quality assurance are all examples of topics of interest in aging and disability I&R.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **February 10, 2017**. Send submissions for the Aging and Disability track to [Nanette Relave](#).

[Click here](#) to view the call for proposals.

[Click here](#) to view past presentation topics.

Alzheimer's Association

Webinar: Memory Loss and the Public Health Burden

The Alzheimer's Association is hosting a webinar on memory loss and the public health burden, specifically sharing results from the 2015 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). The webinar will feature the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's](#) new analysis of data from 35 states and territories (the largest group ever to use the Cognitive Module in a single year) and discuss the implications of the findings from the public health perspective. Presenters from the CDC and the Colorado Department of Public Health will share insights into the results of the BRFSS. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, December 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET**.

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

American Institutes for Research

Webinar: Integrating Health & Community Supports for Aging in Place

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) is hosting a webinar about integrating health and community supports for aging in place. The Baby Boomers and future generations may see unprecedented longevity. How will our communities and institutions change to accommodate this seismic trend? Most older adults want to age in their own homes in the communities of their choice, with supports needed to do so. But are these community support services available to meet these wishes, promote healthy aging and possibly save health care dollars? How will we pay for them? What are promising models for aging in place? What kinds of policy and financial investments are needed to support healthy aging in place? Speakers for the webinar include: Marilyn Moon, AIR Senior Vice President, Director AIR Center on Aging; Shannah Koss, AIR consultant, President, Koss on Care; co-founder: Connected Health Resources ; Nora Super, Chief, Program and Services, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; and Len Fishman, Director, Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, December 15, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

American Society on Aging

ASA Offers New Online Resources in Elder Mistreatment and Elder Justice

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is pleased to announce two new online educational courses on elder mistreatment, offered in partnership with USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. Elder Mistreatment (Part I): Understanding Abuse and Neglect launches in January 2017 and Elder Mistreatment (Part II): Prevention of Abuse and Neglect launches in April 2017. Additionally, their flagship courses, Fundamentals of Gerontology and Managing Health and Chronic Conditions in Older Adults will return in 2017. Successful participants will earn a certificate of completion from USC, and CEUs are offered from select accreditation providers.

[Click here](#) for a course description and registration information.

Amputee Coalition

Amputee Coalition 2017 National Conference Call for Presentations

The Amputee Coalition invites professionals and individuals interested in presenting at the 2017 conference to submit an abstract for consideration. Deadline for submissions is **December 15, 2016**. Educational sessions at the Coalition's National Conference typically last for one hour and are often focused on areas like adjustment to limb loss, topics of interest to specific segments of the limb loss community like pediatric or upper limb loss, or things like returning to the workforce. If you

are interested in sharing product information, there will be an opportunity for a Technology Presentation. Please use the online form to submit your abstract and presenter information and to browse a full list of suggested topics.

[Click here](#) to view submit a proposal.

Federation of American Hospitals

Report: Estimating the Impact of Repealing the ACA on Hospitals

On December 6, 2016, Dobson DeVanzo & Associates, LLC, released a report produced for the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH) and the American Hospital Association (AHA) entitled Estimating the Impact of Repealing the Affordable Care Act on Hospitals. The report estimates the financial impact on American hospitals if the ACA is completely repealed and not replaced. Dobson and DeVanzo estimate that between 2018 and 2026 full ACA repeal with no replacement would lead to: the loss of \$165.8 billion to hospitals due to a loss of insurance coverage, and additional losses of \$289.5 billion if the ACA Medicare reductions are left in place. The report also notes that this could lead to a public health crisis, as well as the closure of certain hospitals.

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

National Consumer Voice

New Brief Regarding the Nursing Facility Regulations

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, in collaboration with Justice in Aging and the Center for Medicare Advocacy, released a new brief on the recently-released Nursing Home final rule. The brief, which is the first in a series, is entitled Assessments, Care Planning, and Discharge Planning, and reviews the regulation on the aforementioned topic areas. The brief also provides key takeaways for advocates seeking to improve quality of care.

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

National Council on Independent Living

Webinar: Medicaid Advocacy 101 Part III: LTSS Reforms & Landscape

The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) is hosting the third webinar about long-term services and supports (LTSS) reforms and landscape. LTSS Reforms and Landscape is the third in a four part webinar series designed for emerging leaders in Medicaid advocacy. Presenters will look at the foundational elements of the Medicaid program and how states adjust and

differ in their programmatic design. Presenters will include individuals with State, Federal, Health Plan and CIL experience. Participants will be enhance their ability to shape the Medicaid environment in their state by deepening their understanding of the Medicaid program, emerging policy, avenues for influence and opportunities for collaboration. This webinar series is offered through a joint project between National Council on Independent Living and United Healthcare. Pre-registration is required, it is free for NCIL members and \$25 for non-members. The webinar will take place on **Monday, December 12, 2016, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.**

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

Events

Workshop: Housing for Vulnerable Older Adults and People with Disabilities

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, The Forum on Aging, Disability and Independence, and The Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities are hosting a public workshop on Affordable and Accessible Housing for Vulnerable Older Adults and People with Disabilities Living in the Community. This one-day public workshop will explore the role of housing as a social determinant of health for older adults and people with disabilities, particularly among people of color and low income groups. Subject matter experts will be invited to present and participate in discussions on topics surrounding the affordability, availability, and importance of housing for these populations. The workshop will take place on **Monday, December 12, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.** at the National Academy of Sciences Building.

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

Registration Open: Annual Disability Statistics Compendium Release

Registration is now open for the State-of-the-Science Conference under the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC) will be held February 13, 2017 at the National Academy of Sciences Building in Washington DC. This conference, Disability Statistics: Lessons in Data Collection and Application to Policy and Practice, will discuss data collection strategies in the morning sessions and practical applications of disability data in the afternoon.

This year will feature a two-day event and combined the State of the Science conference with the release of the 2016 Annual Disability Statistics Compendium on February 14, 2017, also at the National Academies of Sciences Building.

The Compendium is a web-based tool that pools disability statistics published by various federal agencies together in one place. When working on legislative and other matters relating to persons with disabilities, the Compendium will make finding and using disability statistics easier. It will prove invaluable to your work.

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

Jobs & Internships

Comprehensive Care Connections Seeks Executive Director

Comprehensive Care Connections (C3) is seeking a high-caliber Executive Director with keen insight into the future intersection of the medical clinical model and social supports model in health care systems. C3 is a newly formed innovative collaboration model capitalizing upon AAAs 40-plus years of experience in delivering a full range of aging services to provide broader geographic reach, additional operational capabilities, and efficiencies necessary to contract with and provide community aging and disability services to MCOs and their members. For further information email a request to humanresources@blairsenior.org.

Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation Seeks 2017 Public Policy Fellows

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation is seeking exemplary professionals, and/or persons experiencing disability and/or family members of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are currently working or volunteering in the field of inclusive services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Each year the Foundation brings talented and accomplished professionals, family members (many of whom are both professionals and family members) and persons experiencing disability, particular people with intellectual disability, to Washington, D.C. for a full year where they actively participate in public policy development in the offices of a Member of Congress, Congressional committees, or federal agencies. Former Public Policy Fellows describe the Fellowship as a major turning point in their professional and personal lives. The experience is a unique chance to understand the intersection of public policy, disability advocacy, and the political process.

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

CFPB Seeks Deputy Assistant Director for the Office for Older Americans

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Financial Protection for Older Americans. The deputy assistant director is responsible for leading a small, dedicated, and experienced team to develop and implement initiatives that address the specific consumer financial protection and financial education needs of older adults, their families, and their caregivers, providing a public voice for the Bureau's efforts on behalf of the older adults, and setting an organizational tone and direction, and engage closely with inside the Division and across the CFPB. If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to jobs@cfpb.gov.

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

Grant Opportunities

Two Grant Opportunities for Field Initiated Projects

The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitative Research (NIDILRR) announced two new grant opportunities under the Field Initiated Projects program. The purpose is to generate new knowledge through research or to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities. The two grants are intended to carry out research and development activity. The deadline for both grants is **February 8, 2017**.

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