



## Technical Assistance Exchange June 27, 2012

A weekly update for Aging & Disability Resource Centers, Community Living Programs, Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Programs, Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Service Program and their Partners

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### Learning Symposium Agenda

NASUAD will be hosting ACL grantees for a Learning Symposium on September 10th, 2012, the day before their National Home and Community Based Services Conference begins. The Learning Symposium is designed for state and program staff involved in ADRC, Options Counseling Standards, Evidence-Based Care Transitions, Systems Integration, Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Programs, and Lifespan Respite programs and grantees may use funds they budgeted for National Meetings to attend. A [Draft Learning Symposium Agenda](#) is now available for grantees to consult as they make travel arrangements. A more detailed agenda will be released in the near future.

\*September 10, 2012 Learning Symposium

\*September 11-13, 2012 NASUAD HCBS Conference

\*Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia

\*[More Information](#)

\*[Register Here](#) (fees increase August 3)

### New HHS Grants Expand Community Health Centers

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius recently announced awards of new grants made possible by the health care law to expand [Community Health Centers](#). The grants awarded to 219 health centers through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will help expand access to care for more than 1.25 million additional patients and create approximately 5,640 jobs by establishing new health center service delivery sites. The awards total \$128.6 million and will go

to community health centers in 41 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands. A full List of [Health Center New Access Point Grants](#) is available.

## **Celebrating Olmstead and a Commitment to Community Living**

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, [Kathleen Sebelius](#), recently wrote about the Olmstead Act and community living for the [White House Blog](#).

She emphasized how the [Administration for Community Living](#) (ACL) builds on the [President's Year of Community Living](#) by promoting goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act: to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities. Secretary Sebelius emphasized the importance of integrating long-term services and supports with health care and housing to make community living a success. Examples of efforts include [HUD Funding](#) for rental assistance to very low-income adults with disabilities and the [Money Follows the Person](#) program. These and other efforts will help to ensure that equality and access are available to all Americans.

## **Call for Nominations: White House Champions of Change featuring Transportation Innovators**

The U.S. Department of Transportation and the White House Office of Public Engagement will recognize [White House Champions of Change](#) featuring Transportation Innovators on July 31st. Transportation Innovators are individuals or organizations who have provided exemplary leadership in the growth and expansion of the transportation industry at the local, state or regional level. The White House Champions of Change program highlights the stories and examples of citizens across the country who are "Building an America to Last" with projects and initiatives that move their communities forward. This could be a way to recognize organizations with transportation programs for older adults and people with disabilities.

Please submit nominations using [This Application](#) no later than July 3, 2012 to [Champions@dot.gov](mailto:Champions@dot.gov).

## **New Resources**



This [CA Guidance with Scripts](#) document was created in California for use by Options Counselors. The guidance is focused on: resources that re-visit the intent and purpose of the OC service; clarifying the target customers for the OC service; technical suggestions for

improving the OC Action Plan and Protocols relative to family caregivers and family decision-makers. It includes suggested scripts for counselors and others that help the public recognize the OC brand and support the referral of customers to the OC service.

## Upcoming Calls and Webinars

### 1) Benefits Access for Older Adults: Helping Clients Find Programs to Boost Their Economic Security

NCOA and IlluminAge are co-sponsoring this webinar on connecting older adults and benefits programs. Millions of seniors who qualify for this help are not enrolled in programs that can help them pay for food, prescriptions, medical care, and household utilities.

\*June 28, 2012, 1:30-2:30 PM ET

[\\*Register](#)

### 2) Webinar: Strategies for Increasing Self-Identification for Candidates and Employees with Disabilities

Creating an inclusive workplace culture is critical for attracting and retaining candidates and employees with disabilities. This may become increasingly important in view of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) proposed revised regulations of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and released last December, which sets hiring goals for federal contractors. This webinar will present strategies for creating environments where applicants and employees are comfortable with disclosing their disabilities thereby allowing organizations to represent more accurately both the composition of their workforce and their efforts toward diversity and inclusion.

\*Thursday, June 28, 2012, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

[\\*Register Here](#)

### 3) Webinar: Recent Changes at the Administration on Aging: Impact on Aging and Disability Networks

Kathy Greenlee, who serves the dual roles of Administrator of the Administration for Community Living and Assistant Secretary for Aging, will address the rationale for the change that brought together the Administration on Aging, the Office on Disability and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities to create the Administration for Community Living. This webinar is sponsored by the American Society on Aging.

\*July 2, 2012, 2:00 PM ET

[\\*Register here](#)

### 4) Webinar: Connecting the Aging Network, Individuals with Dementia, and Caregivers with Research Opportunities

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Administration on

Aging (AoA), in partnership with grantees including the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers, Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center, and the Eldercare Locator are partnering to host a webinar series to improve coordination of resources available to assist persons with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias and their family caregivers! All are invited - especially new staff / interns / volunteers, or those just interested in getting a refresher.

\*July 12, 2012, 1:30-3:00 PM ET

[\\*More Information and Registration](#)

**5) RESCHEDULED Webinar: Developing Partnerships: Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Money Follows the Person, and Centers for Independent Living**

The Administration on Aging and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have a partnership to lead transformation of long term services and supports systems through initiatives such as the ADRC and MFP Rebalancing Demonstrations. This webinar explores the role of Centers for Independent Living and highlights state innovations in ADRC/MFP/CIL Partnerships. CIL administrators and staff are especially encouraged to take part in this discussion hosted by NCIL.

\*July 12, 2012, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

\*Call-in: (800) 683-4564 Passcode: 866844

[\\*Register Here](#)

**6) Online Course: Implementing Olmstead: ABCs of Nursing Home Transition**

During this three-week distance course, participants will learn about how the ADA formed the basis for the Olmstead Decision and the use of the Olmstead Decision to facilitate transition from nursing homes to community-based living. Participants will learn to identify the essential steps in the transition process, barriers to successful transition, and strategies to address the barriers.

\*August 6-24, 2012

\*Registration Deadline: July 18, 2012

[\\*More Information](#)

[\\*Register Here](#) (\$100 Fee)

## Upcoming Conferences

**1) n4a 37th Annual Conference and Tradeshow**

Join n4a in Denver, CO for their 37th Annual Conference and Tradeshow, where they will showcase the most innovative policies, programs, and services that assist older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

\*July 7-11, 2012

\*Denver, CO

[\\*More Information](#)

[\\*Register Here](#)

## 2) NASUAD, National Home and Community Based Services Conference

Please join NASUAD for the National Home and Community Based Services Conference, which will showcase innovative national, federal, state and local delivery and policy developments vital for assuring Americans of all ages and abilities receive the highest quality community living supports, care, and services possible. Federal, state and local leaders, advocates, and champions for children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities from across the nation are invited to attend the conference. The Learning Symposium and HCBS conference are designed to meet specific federal grant requirements.

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