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Administrator Greenlee to Address the Establishment of ACL and Its Impact on the Aging and Disability Networks

Note: This web seminar was rescheduled from July 2 due to weather. If you registered for the originally scheduled event, you do not need to register again.

You are invited to join the American Society on Aging for the 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.

Date: Tuesday, July 17, 2012

Time: 11:00 a.m. PT / 12:00 p.m. MT / 1:00 p.m. CT / 2:00 p.m. ET

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HHS Grants Bolster Health Care and Public Health Disaster Preparedness

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently awarded more than \$971 million to continue improving preparedness and health outcomes for a wide range of public health threats within every state, eight US territories, and four of the nation's largest metropolitan areas.

The funding awards included a total of approximately \$352 million awarded for the [Hospital Preparedness Program](#) (HPP) cooperative agreement and more than \$619 million awarded for the [Public Health Emergency Preparedness](#) (PHEP) cooperative agreement.

For the first time, the HPP and PHEP funds are being awarded jointly, encouraging cooperation between the nation's health care and public health systems. This change follows a year-long effort by the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to align the two federal preparedness programs.

To read more about these awards, go to <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/07/20120702a.html>

To learn more about HPP and PHEP including grant awards to individual states, territories or localities, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/about/organization/ophpr.htm>

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Funding Opportunity

Funding for Health Center Controlled Networks (HCCN) in FY 2013

The Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is soliciting applications for Health Center Controlled Networks (HCCN) in fiscal year (FY) 2013. HRSA is seeking to provide grants to HCCNs to advance the adoption and implementation of Health Information Technology (HIT) and to support quality improvement in health centers throughout the United States and its territories. HCCN grants will support the adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health

records (EHRs) and technology-enabled quality-improvement (QI) strategies in health centers.

The application deadline is September 10, 2012, 8:00 p.m. ET.

To learn more about this funding opportunity and to download an application, go to www.grants.gov. The Announcement Number is HRSA-13-237.

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HRSA Funding Opportunities for Service Area Competition

The Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is soliciting applications for the Health Center Program's Service Area Competition (SAC). Several funding opportunities, with varying deadline dates, are available. To learn more, visit the HRSA Open Opportunities webpage at <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/index.html>

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State Planning Grant Initiative

The Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative is pleased to announce a planning grant opportunity for four state agencies. The four grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to four State Agencies on Aging for developing a State Volunteer Engagement Plan. The purpose of the State Volunteer Engagement Plan (Plan) is to help the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative meet its goal of doubling the current number of volunteers now serving the aging network.

The Plan should be a new initiative and not one created by the federal government which is now being implemented at the state. Additionally, it should be statewide and not limited to "pilot areas," although it is acceptable if an initiative is being currently implemented in one geographic area and the plan is to take it statewide. Also, special consideration will be given to State Volunteer Engagement Plans which seek to have a collaborative effort with the State Service Commission and the Corporation for National and Community Service State Office. In addition, the State Volunteer Engagement Plan design and strategy must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Produce a measurable impact on up to three (3) priority state needs for improved or expanded aging services to low income or vulnerable older adults;
- Include a plan for developing a variety of engagement opportunities including intensive (12 – 15 hours per week), sustained over time (6 – 12 months), as well as new opportunities for more traditional episodic or less intensive (2 – 5 hours per month or quarter) volunteer opportunities;

- Demonstrate focus on Boomers as volunteers. Note: special consideration will be given to minority/ethnic community recruitment;
- Show how implementation of the plan over time will result in significantly increasing the current number of volunteers working on the identified impact area(s).
- Include an evaluation plan and strategy for measuring impact and results on agencies, volunteers and impact areas;
- Include a plan for sustaining the initiative;

Submission Deadline July 27, 2012. [Click here](#) to apply. For more information, please contact Karl Cooper at kcooper@nasuad.org

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Funding Opportunity Reminders

Research and Demonstration Program to Improve Coordinated Transportation Systems for People with Disabilities and Older Adults

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to promote the independence and community integration of people with disabilities and older adults through coordinated transportation systems that are responsive to their transportation needs. The goal of this 5 year project is to identify proven models and approaches that can be used by states and communities across the country to empower people with disabilities and older adults to be actively involved in the design and implementation of coordinated transportation systems in ways that successfully make those systems responsive to the needs of these populations.

The deadline date for submission of applications is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on August 14, 2012. The projected start date is September 30, 2012.

To learn more about this funding opportunity and to download the application, go to

http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Grants/Funding/docs/2012/FY2012_Transportation_FOA.pdf or www.grants.gov. The Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2012-ACL-TC-1216.

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New Funding Opportunity to Help States Continue Their Work to Implement ACA

This new funding opportunity will provide states with 10 additional opportunities to apply for funding to establish a state-based exchange, state partnership exchange, or to prepare state systems for a federally facilitated exchange. To date, 34 states and the District of Columbia have received approximately \$850 million in Exchange Establishment Level One and Level

Two cooperative agreements to fund their progress toward building exchanges. States can apply for exchange establishment cooperative agreements through the end of 2014. These funds are available for states to use beyond 2014 as they continue to work on their exchanges. This ensures that states have the support and time necessary to build the best exchange for their residents.

For more information on exchanges, including fact sheets, visit <http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2011/05/exchanges05232011a.html>

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HHS Grants to Help Protect Seniors, Test Elder Abuse Prevention Strategies

More information on this initiative and the application are available through www.grants.gov (Funding Number HHS-2012-AOA-EA-1214). The application deadline is July 31, 2012. The final awards will be made no later than Sept. 30, 2012.

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Targeted Capacity Expansion Program: Substance Abuse Treatment for Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations at High Risk for HIV/AIDS

More information on this funding opportunity, including the application and deadline information, at www.grants.gov

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Stay Informed

Register for Perspectives on Nutrition and Aging: A National Summit

On behalf of the AoA-MOWAA (Administration on Aging-Meals On Wheels Association of America) National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging, we invite you to celebrate, imagine and build the future of senior nutrition in *America at Perspectives on Nutrition and Aging: A National Summit*, to be held, at the Gaylord National Harbor Hotel, near Washington, DC on August 23, 2012.

The officially sanctioned celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program, this Summit is a unique opportunity to explore the challenges and opportunities of the next 40 years and to prepare

for the far-reaching health, economic and social consequences that will determine the future of senior nutrition services.

The registration fee for the Summit is \$50, which includes all materials, a luncheon with keynote speaker Dr. David L. Katz, and admission to all Summit sessions. Building the future will involve collaboration, innovation and courage from all of us. We hope you will join us at Perspectives on Nutrition and Aging: A National Summit.

You can register for the Summit online at <http://summit.nutritionandaging.org> and learn more about the event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Erika Kelly or Suzanne Grubb at resourcecenter@mowaa.org or 703-548-5558.

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Webinar on *Support for People with Disabilities on the Journey to Financial Independence*

Join this Social Security Administration WISE (Work Incentive Seminar Event) webinar to learn about how work will affect your Social Security benefits. Experts will present information to help people with disabilities become financially independent and self-sufficient.

Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2012
Time: 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Eastern

Register online at www.choosework.net/wise or call 1-866-968-7842 (V) or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY/TDD).

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Webinar on *Community-based Care Transitions Program*

This webinar will give participants “Everything you want to know to apply to the Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP) by September 3, 2012.” Learn more about program requirements, preferences and other keys to success from CMS Innovation Center staff and communities currently participating in the CCTP program.

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET

[Webinar registration](#) is now available.

Notes:

- Participants are strongly encouraged to use the web link for full access to the presentation. If you are unable to hear audio via your computer speakers or would prefer to listen via the telephone, please dial (866) 216-6835 and enter code 507295. Please dial in ten minutes early to ensure that you are joined into the conference by the call start time.
- If you are unable to join the webinar, the slides, audio recording and transcript will be available on the Innovation Center website.

More information on the CCTP is available at the [Innovation Center's CCTP webpage](#)

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Health Care Conference Calls

The HHS Partnership Center continues to host a series of interactive conference calls discussing the benefits and provisions of the health care law, the Affordable Care Act.

All calls are open to the public and include a question and answer session where you can ask HHS staff any questions you may have about the health care reform law.

To participate in one of the conference calls, please select your preferred dates from the list below and submit the necessary information. Call-in information will be made available 24 hours in advance.

[July 19 at 12:30 pm ET](#) - The Health Care Law 101 (in English)

[July 24 at 2:00 pm ET](#) - The Health Care Law 101 (in Spanish)

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Announcement on *The Foreclosure Crisis—Ending the Nightmare for Older Americans*

Join AARP for the release of a major study revealing how the progression of the mortgage crisis has affected Americans age 50 plus. The report, *The Foreclosure Crisis—Ending the Nightmare for Older Americans*, from the AARP Public Policy Institute analyzes delinquency and foreclosure trends over the past 5 years, shows the overall impact on older Americans and includes a look at how the crisis has affected Americans by race/ethnicity and income bracket. The study also presents data on the number of older Americans whose loans are underwater.

Date: Monday, July 23, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Site: Columbus Club, Union Station, Washington, DC
Note: *Continental breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m.*

Panelists:

Janis Bowdler, Director of Wealth-Building Project, National Council of La Raza
James Carr, Chief Business Officer, National Community Reinvestment Coalition

Melanca Clark, Senior Counsel, Access to Justice Initiative, US Department of Justice

David John, Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation

Paul Willen, Ph.D., Senior Economist and Policy Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

For more information, contact Cherri Thompson by telephone at 202-434-3883 or by email at chthompson@aarp.org

The panel will discuss a range of proposals for resolving the crisis, including mortgage modification, mediation and principal reduction. The speakers will also evaluate steps taken to address the crisis by the federal and state governments and the private sector—and discuss policies that may offer greater potential for success.

Moderator: Financial columnist and author Jane Bryant Quinn

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Upcoming NCOA Webinars

Combating Food Insecurity among Older Americans

Join the National Council on Aging (NCOA) for a discussion on working collaboratively to combat food insecurity among older Americans. In this webinar, Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, will provide an overview of the food bank network and their efforts to address food insecurity among older Americans.

Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2012
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET

Agenda:

How the aging network can partner with the food bank network to address elder food insecurity.

Examples of successful local partnerships and initiatives between the aging and anti-hunger communities that are collaboratively working to address the nutritional needs of seniors in their community.

Speakers:

Eileen Hyde, Programs Specialist, Feeding America

Katie Schweikhardt, Director of Programs, Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida

Kristina Rodriguez, Board Member, Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida

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Evidence-Based Health Promotion 101

Thinking about offering an evidence-based health program for seniors in your community? Find out what programs are available, why they're important, how to find the right one for your organization, and how to measure success.

Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET

Speakers:

Marcia Ory, PhD, MPH, Texas A&M Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health

Ashley Wilson, MPH, Texas A&M Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health

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Webinar Reminders

Connecting the Aging Network, Individuals with Dementia, and Caregivers with Research Opportunities

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012

Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. PT; 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. MT

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. CT; / 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ET

Agenda:

Overview of Alzheimer's Disease Centers (ADCs)
Participating in clinical trials and other research
NIH resources

Presenters:

Michelle Washko, PhD, Office of Policy Analysis & Development, ACL-AoA
Nina Silverberg, PhD, Program Officer, Alzheimer's Disease Centers, NIA
Diana R. Kerwin, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine-Geriatrics, Cognitive
Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center, Northwestern University Feinberg
School of Medicine
Jennifer Watson, Project Officer, ADEAR Center, NIA
Martha Tierney, Team Lead, National Alzheimer's Contact Center, Alzheimer's
Association

To register for the online event

1. Go to Event address for attendees: <https://aoa-events.webex.com/aoa-events/onstage/g.php?d=665747298&t=a>
2. Click "Register".
3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

Once your registration is approved, you will receive a confirmation email message with instructions on how to join the event.

Please note: Space is limited, so please register as early as possible. This webinar will also be recorded and posted on the AoA web site.

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ASA Webinars

1. Music As Brain Food

Participants in this web seminar will:

- Understand why music can be considered a natural "whole-brain food," as well as what constitutes the holistic approach in this program
- Learn of ways this holistic use of music can be incorporated into existing programs to foster brain fitness in clients (and staff).
- Receive a demonstration of the ways Music as Brain Food can be delivered online and by phone to serve homebound and widely dispersed populations.

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. PT / 11:00 a.m. MT / 12:00 p.m. CT / 1:00 p.m. ET

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2. Managing the Stress of a Family Caregiver

Participants in this web seminar will:

- Learn about the extent of, and be able to identify the signs of, caregiver stress and depression
- Discover ways to handle the challenges of caring for those with Alzheimer's disease
- Gain tips and strategies to lessen caregiver stress, burnout, and depression

Date: Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. PT / 11:00 a.m. MT / 12:00 p.m. CT / 1:00 p.m. ET

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Expanding Retirement Opportunities

Sponsored by Women's Institute for A Secure Retirement (WISER), this forum will:

- Provide a retrospective on savings and retirement in the US.
- Examine the realities of retirement today from multiple industry perspectives.
- Look ahead at what regulatory and legislative changes are on the horizon.

For a complete agenda and list of speakers, click [here](#)

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012

Time: 3:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Site: Capitol View Conference Center
101 Constitution Avenue NW, 7th Floor
Washington, DC

Please RSVP with your email, name, and contact information to info@wiserwomen.org. For any questions, please call 202-393-5452.

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AoA's July Widget Highlights Rising Internet Use among Older Adults

A recent report of the Pew Research Center reveals that more seniors are using the Internet. AoA's July statistics widget features recent data on the growing use of the Internet by older adults. To learn more, view AoA's aging statistics widget at http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Site_Uilities/Widget/index.aspx. You can add AoA's statistics widget to your site or blog by clicking the "share" button on the widget, copying the code of the widget and inserting the code on your site or blog.

Would you like to send an e-card that encourages your friends to live healthy? AoA offers free e-greetings with tips on healthy eating, different kinds of exercise and volunteer opportunities. We also feature e-cards for caregivers. You can view and select an AoA e-card for a friend at http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press_Room/Social_Media/eCards/index.aspx.

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Do you have questions or comments about AoA's social media? Feel free to send them to Augustina.Howe@aoa.hhs.gov.

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CMS Proposes Primary Care Pay Raise for 2013

On July 6th, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that would increase payments to family physicians by approximately 7 percent and other practitioners providing primary care services between 3 and 5 percent. The increase in payment to family practitioners is part of the proposed rule that would update payment policies and rates under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) for calendar year (CY) 2013. Under the MPFS, Medicare pays more than 1 million physicians and non-physician practitioners that provide vital health services to Medicare beneficiaries.

The proposed rule would also continue the careful implementation of the physician value-based payment modifier (Value Modifier) that was included in

the Affordable Care Act by providing choices to physicians regarding how to participate. The Value Modifier adjusts payments to individual physicians or groups of physicians based on the quality of care furnished to Medicare beneficiaries compared to costs. The law allows CMS to phase in the Value Modifier over three years from CY 2015 to CY 2017.

The proposed rule will appear in the July 30, 2012 Federal Register. CMS will accept comments on the proposed rule until September 4, 2012, and will respond to them in a final rule to be issued by November 1, 2012.

For more information, see:

<http://www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

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Organ Donation - Any Age Is the Right Age to Give, and Receive

The need for organ donation is real. If you think you are too old to be an organ, eye and tissue donor, think again! Any age is the right age to sign up. Because we are living longer, healthier lives than ever before, more of us can be organ, eye, and tissue donors and recipients ... into our 50s, 60s, 70s, even into our 80s and 90s. In 2011, 60% of all individuals who received organ transplants were over 50, yet only 32% of all organ donors were over the age of 50.

Visit the federal government sponsored website, Donate the Gift of Life at <http://www.organdonor.gov/index.html>, for more information on organ and tissue donation and transplantation and to sign up to become a donor.

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FDA Proposes Unique Device Identification System for Medical Devices

Last week, in response to requirements in legislation that passed Congress with broad bipartisan support, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposed that most medical devices distributed in the United States carry a unique device identifier, or UDI.

A UDI system has the potential to improve the quality of information in medical device adverse events reports, which will help the FDA identify product problems more quickly, better target recalls and improve patient safety. The FDA has worked closely with industry, the clinical community and patient and consumer groups and conducted four pilot studies in the development of this proposed rule. The FDA is seeking comment on the proposal for 120 days.

To read more about this proposed change and to learn how you can submit your comments, go to <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm310505.htm>

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Kaiser to Provide Online Coverage of International AIDS Conference

[Kaiser To Provide Online Coverage of XIX International AIDS Conference \(AIDS 2012\) Including Webcasts, Podcasts and News Summaries](#)

The International AIDS Society (IAS) and the Foundation will provide free, worldwide online access to AIDS 2012 taking place in Washington, DC, July 22-27.

Kaiser is the official [webcaster](#) for AIDS 2012 and will provide coverage of more than 50 conference sessions, including live webcasts of the Opening and Closing Sessions. Podcasts in English and Spanish as well as transcripts of all webcast sessions will also be available. Kaiser will also offer daily interviews with *Science* magazine's Jon Cohen and extended summaries of conference news coverage in the *Kaiser Daily Global Health Policy Report*. A free widget is available for sharing content on websites, blogs and social networks.

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Recent Reports

Employment for People with Disabilities: Little Is Known about the Effectiveness of Fragmented and Overlapping Programs

<http://www.gao.gov/assets/600/592074.pdf>

Source: US Government Accountability Office, GAO Report to Congressional Committees

Date: June 2012

Financial Capacity in an Aging Society

<http://www.asaging.org/blog/financial-capacity-aging-society-0>

Source: American Society on Aging

Date: July 2, 2012

Parity for Patriots: The Mental Health Needs of Military Personnel, Veterans and Their Families

http://www.nami.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Inform_Yourself/About_Public_Policy/Policy_Reports/ParityforPatriots.pdf

Source: National Alliance of Mental Illness

Date: June 2012

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Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990 by President George H.W. Bush. ADA is a wide-ranging civil rights law that prohibits, under certain circumstances, discrimination based on disability. Disability is defined by the ADA as "a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity."

Resource: <http://www.ada.gov/>

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Sponsor: National Alliance on Mental Illness

http://www.nami.org/Template.cfm?Section=Multicultural_Support&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=120508

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