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Funding Updates from AIDD

Provided below is information on several funding awards announced last week by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Community Living (ACL), Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).

Employment First Initiatives

AIDD awarded two grants and one cooperative agreement under [Projects of National Significance](#) to fund two employment initiatives. These funds will be used to work towards improving employment outcomes and increasing competitive integrated employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

The two grantee recipients, Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN) and the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education (Anchorage, AK) were awarded a total of \$732,000 for the Partnerships in Employment Systems Change initiative.

These projects will focus on systems change to prioritize employment as the first and preferred option for youth and young adults with I/DD. In addition, the grants will create partnerships in states to promote systems change efforts leading to the development of policies that support competitive employment in integrated settings for youth and young adults with I/DD.

Community of Practice for Supporting Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) at the University of Massachusetts Boston has been awarded a \$190,000 cooperative agreement to establish a community of practice composed of 5–10 states in the first year, with plans to expand as appropriate, build capacity, reform delivery systems, and improve strategies related to competitive integrated employment.

ICI will convene a Delphi panel to identify issues and emerging and promising practices across the country for consideration by the community of practice. The panel will include Employment First from the US Department of Labor, the State Employment Leadership Network and the Partnerships in Employment Systems Change projects.

To learn more about these two initiatives, go to <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/aid/news/aid-provides-930000-in-funding-for-employment-first-initiatives>

Data Collection, Supporting Families, and Training and Technical Assistance Projects

AIDD has awarded \$2,241,000 in funding to a number of grantees to support data collection and information dissemination, supporting families, and training and technical assistance projects under its [Projects of National Significance](#) and the [Help America Vote Act](#). Together, these projects will promote the self-determination, integration, and inclusion of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their communities.

To learn more about the specific projects and grant recipients, read the complete press release at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/aid/news/aid-funds-data-collection-supporting-families-and-training-and-technical>

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Funding Opportunity

FEMA 2012 Community Resilience Innovation Challenge

This new funding opportunity provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is to build local resilience, through a Whole Community approach, in communities across America: the Community Resilience Innovation Challenge.

The challenge objective is to foster community resilience by identifying needs; mobilizing partners; and creating innovative, motivational and effective solutions that can be grown, sustained, and replicated.

Selected projects will be funded up to a maximum of \$35,000. The application deadline is October 26, 2012.

For more information on the challenge and to download an application, go to <http://www.resiliencechallenge.org/>

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ASA's *The Challenges of Being a Boomer* Webinar Series

The American Society on Aging (ASA) invites you to participate in the following free webinars, which are parts two and three of its three-part series, *The Challenges of Being a Boomer*.

Boomers and Retirement Decisions

This webinar will provide an overview of some of the factors facing boomers as they approach retirement, such as the impact of longer lives, the current economy and the risks of unexpected events. Given that older workers face a series of decisions that impact their financial security in retirement, this session will examine research findings that examine the ways in which they think and plan for retirement, as well as the impact of financial literacy on retirement decision making.

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2012

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

[Register Now!](#)

Boomers: What Will Their Legacy Be?

The last webinar in the series, *Boomers: What Will Their Legacy Be?*, will take a broad view of boomer trends, projecting their impact and contribution on future generations.

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2012

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

[Register Now!](#)

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Webinar on *Financing and Sustaining Behavioral Health Interventions*

Mental/behavioral health issues are often under-recognized problems that can negatively impact the health and well-being of older adults. Recognizing this important public health issue, the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living's Administration on Aging and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration have partnered to provide a free webinar.

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EDT

This webinar will feature leaders in behavioral health that will share strategies that state and local agencies have used to finance prevention and early interventions for substance abuse/misuse and depression, as well as describe opportunities in the Affordable Care Act, the Older Americans Act, Medicaid, and in demonstrations conducted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to support these interventions, programs and practices.

To register, please [go here](#).

If you experience difficulty registering or signing on, please contact Donna Siu at JBS International, Inc. at dsiu@jbsinternational.com or 240-645-4898.

Once the host approves your registration request, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting. Please register no later than one day prior to the webinar.

You will receive audio call in information when you log-on to the webinar.

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Webinar on *Helping Seniors with Finances*

A new web seminar in the American Society on Aging's (ASA) Family Caregiver Support Series, sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, will provide tips and ideas to assist older adults in financial organization.

Discussion Topics:

- Creating a professional services team.
- Options for financing care.
- Ways to help older adults manage their money and prevent them from becoming victims of fraud.

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2012

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

[Click here to learn more and to register.](#)

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Webinar on *Making the Most of the New NCOA Crossroads*

Did you ever wish you could ask a colleague's advice and didn't know who to call? Attend the national Council on Aging's (NCOA) free one-hour webinar on

how to use NCOA's newly updated online community, [Crossroads](#). Learn how it can connect you with aging-field professionals nationwide--and help you in your job!

Date: October 18, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Type: Webinar

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Tools & Information

October is...

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

No woman should have to fear violence. Yet, one in four women and one in five teen girls in the United States report experiencing physical and/or sexual partner violence. Injuries due to domestic violence increase the risk for asthma, cancer, hypertension, depression, substance abuse, and poor reproductive health outcomes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that \$4.1 billion is spent each year on direct medical and mental health care services as a result of intimate partner violence (IPV).

This October, step up to help prevent and end dating violence. Visit the WhiteHouse.gov [1 is 2 Many](#) webpage to:

- View the new PSA on dating violence featuring the president and vice president.
- Download Apps against abuse.
- Follow the 1 is 2 Many blog.
- Learn how you can take action against abuse.

[Find other resources for teens, young adults, and parents.](#)

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Held each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

This year's theme is "A Strong Workforce is an Inclusive Workforce: What Can YOU Do?"

Although led by the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), NDEAM's true spirit lies in the many observances held at the grassroots level across the nation every year. Employers, schools and organizations of all sizes and in all communities are encouraged to participate in NDEAM, and ODEP offers several [resources](#) to help them do so. To get NDEAM resources or learn more about how your organization can participate, select one of the following:

[Ideas for Employers and Employees](#)

[Ideas for Educators and Youth Service Professionals](#)

[Ideas for Associations and Unions](#)

[Ideas for Disability-Related Organizations](#)

[Ideas for Federal Agencies](#)

To read the 2012 Presidential Proclamation on National Disability Employment Awareness Month, go to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/10/01/presidential-proclamation-national-disability-employment-awareness-month>

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Flu Tips from Flu.gov for Cancer Patients and Survivors

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and it's important for cancer patients, survivors and their families to arm themselves with flu-fighting knowledge. While having cancer does not put you at an increased risk for getting the flu, it does put you at an increased risk of complications if you get the flu.

The best protection is to get the [flu vaccine](#). Cancer patients and survivors should get the flu shot, not the nasal spray.

For more tips, click on the following links:

[How can I protect myself from getting the flu?](#)

[Video: What is the best protection against the flu?](#)

[Find a place to get the flu vaccine in your area](#)

Everyone can do their part to help prevent the spread of germs and protect themselves from the flu. Follow Flu.gov on Twitter ([@FluGov](#)). For a different flu tip each Friday ([#FluTips](#))

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ASA Leadership Awards

The deadline for submitting nominations for the American Society on Aging's 2013 leadership awards has been extended to Friday, October 15

[Click here to learn about the awards and to submit a nomination.](#)

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Recent Reports

Ageing in the Twenty-First Century: A Celebration and A Challenge

<http://www.unfpa.org/public/op/edit/home/publications/pid/11584>

Source: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and HelpAge International

Date: October 2012

Adult Protective Services in 2012: Increasingly Vulnerable

<http://www.apsnetwork.org/research/BaselineSurveyFinal.pdf>

Source: National Adult Protective Services Association and the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities

Date: October 2012

Home Alone: Family Caregivers Providing Complex Chronic Care

http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/research/public_policy_institute/health/home-alone-family-caregivers-providing-complex-chronic-care-AARP-ppi-health.pdf

Source: AARP Public Policy Institute

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