

## Technical Assistance Exchange August 15, 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. An updated [Draft Learning Symposium Agenda](#) is now available for

### New Independence at Home Demonstration Participants Announced

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced 3 consortia of practices participating in the [Independence at Home Demonstration](#). Through the Independence at Home Demonstration, CMS is partnering with health care providers to test the effectiveness of providing chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries with primary care services in the home. In April, CMS announced the names of individual practices selected to participate in the Demonstration.

CMS also allowed multiple practices to apply to participate in the demonstration as a consortium rather than as individual practices. Today, CMS announced the three consortia selected to participate: Innovative Primary Senior Care LLC in Skokie, Illinois; Treasure Coast Healthcare, LLC in Stuart, Florida; and Virginia Commonwealth University Health System/Medical College of Virginia Hospitals and Physicians in Richmond, Virginia.

### New Resources

 [The United States of Aging Survey Report](#) is a result of the inaugural United States of Aging Survey of 2,250 U.S. adults aged 60 or older conducted by UnitedHealthcare, USA TODAY, and NCOA to examine seniors' outlook and preparedness for aging, and their community's ability to meet their needs as they age.

 [Keeping Watch: Building State Capacity to Oversee Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services and Supports](#) is a report from the AARP Public Policy Institute. This study examines the specific capacities that state Medicaid agencies need to monitor the performance of Medicaid managed

grantees to consult as they make travel arrangements. A more detailed agenda will be released in the near future.

\*See [Upcoming Conferences](#) for more information

\*[Register Here](#)

LTSS through interviews with officials in eight states: AZ, MA, MN, NM, NY, TN, TX, and WI. Promising practices in state oversight capacity are highlighted.

## Upcoming Events

### 1) ACL Webinar on the National Alzheimer's Plan

The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease defines ways that federal and state governments, along with private and nonprofit organizations, should collaborate to confront Alzheimer's. This webinar will introduce key National Plan goals and actions useful to those who provide home and community-based services for older adults and individuals with disabilities, including actions focused on people with intellectual disabilities.

\*August 21, 2012, 2:00 PM ET

\*[Register Here](#)

### 2) Perspectives on Nutrition and Aging: A National Summit

Perspectives on Nutrition and Aging: A National Summit, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Nutrition Programs under the Older Americans Act, will bring together a broad array of individuals and organizations from across the country for a day of future-focused dialogue around the critical link between nutrition and health in the context of a rapidly aging nation. The Summit can be attended in person or virtually.

\*August 23, 2012

\*Gaylord National Harbor Hotel, Washington, DC

\*[More Information](#)

\*[Registration](#)

\*[Virtual Registration](#)

### 3) Care Transitions in Rural Communities Work Group (Ad Hoc Call)

This is a follow-up to a call that occurred in April for ADRCs who implement care transitions in rural areas. All are welcome to join! We will share updates, challenges, successful practices and review a brief document on "lessons learned". This is an interactive discussion, so be prepared to share! For more information about the call (or to learn more about the previous call), please contact ACL's Caroline Ryan ([caroline.ryan@aoa.hhs.gov](mailto:caroline.ryan@aoa.hhs.gov)).

\*August 27, 2012, 3:30-4:30 PM ET

\*1-888-844-7278, Code:2695542

### 4) 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. NASUAD will also host the September 10th Learning Symposium. It 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. An updated [Draft Learning Symposium Agenda](#) is now available for grantees to consult as they make travel arrangements.

\*September 10, Learning Symposium

\*September 11 -13, 2012

\*Crystal City, Arlington, VA

\*[More Information](#)

\*[Register Here](#)

## TAE Update of the Week:

Did you know that the ADRC-TAE website has information about state legislation and appropriations related to ADRCs? You can see the list organized by state on the [State Legislation and Appropriations Page](#).

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