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ACL News & Information

Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

<https://acl.gov/>

NASUAD Information

Here is a link to news and press releases from NASUAD:

<http://www.nasuada.org/newsroom/nasuada-news>

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Dementia Friendly America

Please join us on *May 30*
from 12:00 – 1:30 pm for
the **Dementia Friendly
Virginia** webinar!

This webinar will discuss what is happening around dementia in Virginia and provide an overview of the Dementia Friendly America initiative.

Our presenters...



Lory Phillippo: *Chair, Alzheimer's
Disease and Related Disorders
Commission*



Melissa Andrews: *President and
CEO, LeadingAge Virginia*



Toni Reinhart: *Owner, Comfort
Keepers in Herndon*



Meredith Hanley: *Director of
Community Capacity Building,
National Association of Area
Agencies on Aging*

How to join...

Please join from your computer, tablet
or smartphone:

[https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/
515492021](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/515492021)

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (646) 749-3122

Access Code: 515-492-021



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Community Integration for Adults with Lifelong Disabilities

Cecily Slasor, on behalf of Dr. Edward Ansello

On June 4, 2018, the 14th annual conference of the Area Planning and Services Committee (APSC) will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton-Midlothian from 9:00-4:00. Keynote by Dr. Liz Perkins, incoming President of AAIDD and Faculty at Center for Inclusive Communities, University of South Florida; sessions on Outdoor Activities; Exploitation; the Arts as Tools for Caregivers; the "How to's" of Community Integration; and more. \$40, including, lunch, breaks, and materials. For registration, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-integration-for-individuals-with-lifelong-disabilities-tickets-44648704477>

Edward F. Ansello, Ph.D., Director
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April 24, 2018

National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Event Livestream

Friday, May 18, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ET

SAMHSA and ACL, together with the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging, invite you to a webcast on the first National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day. The event aims to raise public awareness about the mental health of older Americans and spur action to address the needs of this growing population.

About the Discussion

By 2030 there will be approximately 75 million Americans over age 65, and the number of older adults needing treatment for serious mental illness and substance use disorders will also rise. Behavioral health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and the improper mixing of medication and alcohol are associated with higher health care use and lower quality of life. As with any age group, older adults have unique needs that require special attention and training from practitioners.

Watch as experts discuss evidence-based approaches to mental health and substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery supports for older adults. The panel will highlight the work of the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee and offer guidance for people who seek treatment and services.

One of the featured speakers is ACL Administrator and Assistant Secretary



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Registration

Registration is required to view the webcast. [Reserve your seat today.](#)



n4a Webinar: engAGED: Increasing Social Engagement through Intergenerational Programming

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) is hosting the second in a five-part webinar series: engAGED: Increasing Social Engagement for Older Adults. This webinar is focused on increasing the engagement of older adults to promote health and wellness.

May 17, 2018 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

In this webinar you will learn about best practices for engaging older adults through intergenerational programs. Presenters for all of the webinars will share inspiring stories, tips, and resources to help the Aging Network increase the social engagement of older adults.

The series highlights resources from the National Center for Creative Aging, Generations United, Osher Institutes for Lifelong Learning, and the Older Adults Technology Services. This webinar will be presented by Generations United.

Presenters for the webinar include: Sheri Steinig of Generations United; Lynn Haglin, Vice President/KIDS Plus Director: the Northland Foundation (MN); and Pam Plimpton, Intergeneration Coordinator, San Diego County Aging and Independence Services (CA).

To register, go to

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/6003918817587646209>.



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Don't forget that May is Older Americans Month. Visit oam.acl.gov and join the conversation online via [#OAM18](#).



UPDATES

May 11, 2018

Help Create the Blueprint for Complex Care

States, community-based organizations, and health organizations are increasingly focusing on improving care for people with [complex, medical, behavioral and social needs](#). However, there are many questions around direction, priorities, and shared language. What are the goals and priorities of the complex care field? How can we get everyone who is working on this problem on the same page and ensure that all are at the table?

To answer these questions, the Center for Health Care Strategies is partnering with the National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement to launch an ambitious project: to develop a [Blueprint for Complex Care](#). The goal of the Blueprint is to serve as a roadmap for the next phase of development in the field. To help build the Blueprint, they are using the Bridgespan Group's [Strong Field Framework](#) for defining and creating "strong" fields of practice.

They are seeking input from organizations working in complex care for creating the Blueprint. **Please complete this [brief survey](#) (no more than 10 minutes) by May 25, 2018.**



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Link to DARS Independent Living Monthly Newsletter

Rhonda Jeter, MS, CRC, Director of Independent Living

Past issues of IL News Notes are posted on the DARS IL Public Forms Cabinet:

<https://www.vadars.org/formscabinet/Formscabinet.asp?pass=etl&tl=CIL&pg=>