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Administration

Congress is Negotiating FY 2023 Omnibus Spending Bill

Today, Congress is negotiating the final omnibus spending bill to fund federal government beyond Fri., Dec., 23, when the continuing resolution is set to expire. Stay tuned for the details next week as NASHIA will send a *Capitol News* to report on fiscal year 2023 appropriations and other legislation that is attached to the spending bill.

ACL Plans TBI Partners Awareness Day on February 28

In observance of March Brain Injury Awareness Month, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) will be hosting a virtual Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Partners Day on February 28, 2023, 12:00 – 4:00pm (ET). Sessions are being planned featuring aging, employment, the intersectionality of TBI and other medical and social issues, and peer support. Plans are to include State and federal representatives, as well as people living with a brain injury and family members in the sessions. Session participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions during each session. There will be no cost to register for the event. Watch for upcoming details.

NIDILRR Center Seeks Input on Rehab Measures Database

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) -- funded Disability and Rehabilitation Research Project on Knowledge Translation to Promote Patient-Centered Care Through Use of Standardized Assessments seeks input on updates to the Rehabilitation Measures Database. The Rehabilitation Measures Database is a searchable collection of summaries of more than 500 standardized assessments used in physical medicine and rehabilitation. The survey asks about experience with the database, how easy it is to use, and what additional features could be added to enhance its usefulness. The survey is anonymous and open to anyone who has used the database. Complete survey [here](#).

Administration Announces Federal Plan for Ending Homelessness

On Monday, the Biden-Harris administration released a federal plan for ending homelessness in America that starts with the ambitious goal of reducing homelessness 25% by 2025. *All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* builds on the success of previous plans and to systemically prevent homelessness and combat the systemic racism that has created racial and ethnic disparities in homelessness. The plan was developed by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and is a blueprint for States and local governments to use for creating their own plans to prevent and end homelessness and setting their own ambitious goals for 2025. The release of the plan coincides with the week of Homeless Person's Memorial Day, which commemorates the people who have lost their life while living without a home.

USICH and the White House also announced a new initiative to help cities and States reduce unsheltered homelessness. The 19 federal agencies that make up USICH will work with select State and local governments to accelerate the implementation and effectiveness of strategies to get people off the streets and into homes. Read the federal strategic plan [here](#).

Reports and Resources

TBI TARC Publishes New Brief on TBI and Mental Health Disorders

A newly published brief is available from ACL's Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Technical Assistance and Resource Center's (TARC). "Modifying Clinical Interventions for TBI" highlights considerations and best practices for the diagnosis and treatment of mental health disorders in people with TBI. The brief also includes challenges related to brain injury and provides recommendations and strategies for clinical intervention. Read the brief on NASHIA's [website](#).

DOJ Updates ADA.gov Website

The [Department of Justice \(DOJ\)](#) has launched a new and improved [ADA.gov](#) designed to help expand access for people with disabilities and to serve the public more effectively. The updated website is written in plain language and includes easy-to-use navigation tools and overviews of featured topics, such as accessible parking, communication, and service animals, among others. The website also provides information about how to report a disability rights violation and the process for review and possible outcomes of a complaint.

OSERS Launches New Blog Series on Discipline and Behavior Guidelines

On December 8th, the U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS) introduced a new blog series that focuses on the discipline and behavior [guidance previously issued by OSERS](#). The blog will explore issues of exclusionary discipline, informal removals, discipline disparities and more. The blog will include resources for stakeholders to help address the issue of addressing challenging behavior in schools. Read the first blog [here](#).

CHCS Publishes Blog on Care Coordination for Patients with Complex Medical Needs

On Nov. 28th, the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) published the blog, "Playbook Better Care for People with Complex Needs," featuring a new randomized control trial (RCT) of a program in Massachusetts that offers insight into the positive impact intensive care coordination may have with regard to meeting the health care goals of patients with complex medical and social needs. Read more [here](#).

NHICM Foundation's Newsletter Focuses on Long COVID and Disability

The NIHCM Foundation's Dec. 8th newsletter focuses on long COVID and disability. "Experts have referred to long COVID as 'the next public health disaster' and estimate the financial toll may have a \$3.7 trillion impact on the US economy. Last year, the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) (HHS) declared long COVID could be classified as a disability under federal law. However, there are gaps between [protections and accommodations](#) in the workplace and [barriers to disability benefits](#) for people with long COVID. Despite longstanding federal civil rights laws, disabled people [experience disparities](#) in health and health care." Read more [here](#).

Upcoming Webinars and Conferences

HSRC Offers Webinar on Braiding Resources for Housing and Services

Join the Housing and Services Resource Center (HSRC) to learn how State and local systems can develop lasting cross-sector partnerships to increase access to accessible, affordable housing and supportive services for people with disabilities, older adults, and people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The January 9th webinar is intended for those who are looking to build dynamic partnerships that combine rental assistance and access to supportive services for people with disabilities, older adults, and people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. This webinar will feature examples of strong collaborations from federal, State, and local levels. Presenters will explore opportunities to braid funding and resources as well as approaches to developing effective partnerships. The webinar will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023, from 2:00 -- 3:00 pm (ET). [Click here](#) to register.

APS TARC to Host Webinar on Promising Practices to Provide Direct Client Services

The Adult Protective Services (APS) Technical Assistance and Resource Center (TARC) is hosting a webinar on Tues., Jan. 24th, 2023, from 2:00 -- 3:00pm (CST) featuring a panel discussion on APS programs using Administration for Community Living (ACL) formula grant funding to partner with providers for a “warm client hand-off” and provision of wraparound services/direct-client services. The goals of partnerships include identifying and overcoming resource and service gaps, increased communication among agencies, and improved client and community outcomes.

Panelists will be: Clifton Bryant, Social Services Specialist, Adult Protection Branch, Kentucky Department for Community Based Services; Tim Jackson, Section Administrator, Missouri Adult Protective Services; and Mary Ladd, Chief, Family Health Systems, OHA APS; OHA HCBS, Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging. Register [here](#).

Save the Date: Virtual Rural Disability Research and Practice Summit

The NIDILRR-funded [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center for Place-Based Solutions for Rural Community Participation, Health, and Employment](#) will host a virtual [Rural Disability Research and Practice Summit](#), January 10th and 11th, 2023, 3:00 – 4:30pm (ET) each day. The summit will explore timely issues affecting rural people with disabilities. Each session will feature presentations and panel discussions on personal assistance services and rural digital access. Subscribe to the [#RuralDisability eNews](#) for registration and agenda updates.



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