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### Administration

#### CDC Awards Injury Prevention Research Projects

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) has awarded funding for five new extramural research projects. Each award offers support to prevent leading causes of injury in the United States. Focus areas include the prevention of older adult falls, traumatic brain injuries, suicide, and drowning. Receiving awards and their grant focus are:

- **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia:** "Reduce Health Disparities and Improve Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Related Through the Implementation of CDC's Pediatric Mild TBI (mTBI) Guideline" to examine pediatric mTBI health and academic outcomes resulting from the use of existing concussion management protocols at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; to create an electronic clinical decision support (eCDS) tool based on CDC's Pediatric mTBI Guideline; and to investigate and address barriers to accessing specialized mTBI care
- **Iowa State university of Science and Technology:** "Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Walk with Ease Program for Fall Prevention."
- **Springfield College:** "The Effects of Intrinsic Foot Muscle Strengthening Interventions on Balance, Proprioception, and Fall Risk in Adults Over Age 65."
- **Public Health Seattle & King County:** "New Opportunities for Health and Resilience Measures for Suicide (NO HARMS) Prevention."
- **Baylor College of Medicine:** "Aquatic Safety Through Research, Association, and Linkage of Data (ASTRAL) to understand and describe the conditions affecting morbidity and mortality, particularly in areas experiencing higher rates of drowning. "

#### NIDILRR Plans Next Stakeholder Listening Sessions

The next National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) long-range plan stakeholder listening session, scheduled for October 12 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm (ET), will focus on direct service providers and other researchers (non-NIDILRR grantees). [NIDILRR/ACL](#) is developing its 2024-2029 Long-Range Plan and has been seeking [input from key stakeholders, including people with disabilities and their families, researchers, service providers, and others](#) through a series of virtual listening sessions. Registration is free and required for these sessions. Stakeholders may also provide written feedback by email to [NIDILRRfuture@neweditions.net](mailto:NIDILRRfuture@neweditions.net). Comments must be submitted by November 21st. Additional general sessions will be held October 20th and 27th.

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## Funding Opportunities

### **CMS Releases NOFO for Planning Grants for Children with Medically Complex Conditions**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) that is intended to award planning grants to States for activities related to the development of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) for children with medically complex conditions in order to plan and develop a health home model. CMS expects State implementation of the new health home State Plan option to improve care coordination for children with medically complex conditions. Section 1945A of the Social Security Act provides an opportunity for States to cover care coordination and other services that are expected to support a family-centered system of care for children with medically complex conditions and could help to improve health outcomes for these children. By implementing the health home option, States can cover coordination of care provided by the full range of pediatric specialty and subspecialty medical services, including coordination of care and services from out-of-State providers. Learn more [here](#).

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## Reports and Resources

### **ACL Releases OAA Program Highlights**

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) released its first comprehensive report on the accomplishment of Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III, VI, and VII programs. The report provides an overview of the history of the OAA; the purpose and services of the Title III, VI, and VII programs; and summarizes accomplishments and results for each of the programs using 2020 data. Through visuals and graphics, the report shows the immense value the programs have for reaching millions of older adults and providing much needed services and support in their communities. Stakeholders can download the full report or can download results for specific programs:

- [Full Report](#)
- [Title III module](#)
- [Title VI module](#)
- [Title VII module](#)

View the press release announcement [here](#).

### **Federal Agencies Encourage Collaboration Among SEAs, LEAs, and Head Start Program**

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Head Start are releasing new documents to encourage collaboration between State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), and Head Start programs to effectively meet the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements. These documents make clear that SEAs, LEAs, and Head Start programs all have responsibilities for implementing IDEA to ensure that children with disabilities enrolled in Head Start programs receive a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

- [Dear Colleague Letter on Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\) Services in Head Start](#)
- [Guidance on Creating an Effective Memorandum of Understanding to Support High Quality Inclusive Early Childhood Systems](#)

**SOS in DD Project Moves to University of Kansas**

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has announced that the State of the States in Developmental Disabilities Project, a longitudinal data project funded under the [\*\*Projects of National Significance\*\*](#) has moved to the University of Kansas. This project investigates revenue, spending, and programmatic trends in intellectual and developmental disability services in all 50 States, DC, and the nation as a whole.

In its 40-year history, it has produced more than 300 publications and 11 books. It has produced analyses of the impact of the Great Recession, emerging technology, and community services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The [\*\*White House recently cited a report from the project\*\*](#) when observing the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The project is funded by a five-year, \$2 million grant from the Administration on Disabilities within the Administration for Community Living of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and joins [\*\*other multiple other projects at KUCDD funded by the agency\*\*](#). [\*\*Visit the project webpage at the University of Kansas Center on Developmental Disabilities to learn more.\*\*](#)

### **NASHIA's LPA Criminal and Juvenile Justice is Open for States to Apply**

*Is your State interested in criminal and juvenile justice and brain injury? If so, NASHIA is offering New States the opportunity to join *continuing States* for the [\*\*2023 initiative\*\*](#), the Leading Practices Academy on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (LPA-CJJ). The LPA-CJJ begins its 3rd year in January. Nine States have participated in years one and two to achieve partnerships, pilot planning, and capacity building for the identification and support of youth and adults with brain injury in the justice system. *Interested to learn more about the technical assistance your State can receive in the 2023 LPA-CJJ?* Check out the flier and/or register for the October 11th "infonar" [\*\*at this link\*\*](#). The "infonar" starts at 2:00pm (ET).*

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## **Upcoming Webinars and Conferences**

### **AoD Disability Employment TA Center Offers CoP Webinar October 11**

The Administration on Disability (AoD) Disability Employment TA Center's National Community of Practice (CoP) is offering the webinar, [\*\*"Thinking Outside the Box: States' Journey in Using American Rescue Plan Funding to Increase Competitive, Integrated Employment"\*\*](#), on Tuesday, October 11 from 3:00-4:30pm (ET). Register [\*\*here\*\*](#).

During May 2022, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) released a fact sheet titled [\*\*"Use of American Rescue Plan Section 9817 Funds to Promote Employment for People with Disabilities."\*\*](#) This fact sheet describes the implementation of the temporary increase in federal funding through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) aimed at expanding, enhancing, and strengthening competitive, integrated employment (CIE) opportunities for people with disabilities through Home and Community-Based Services.

### **NCAPPS Offers Webinar on Person-Centered Conversations on Employment**

The National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices (NCAPPS) is offering the webinar, "Opening the Door: Importance of Great Person-Centered Conversations on Employment," on October 19, at 3:00pm (ET). Facilitating guided, person-centered conversations around employment can help people who use Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) make their own informed decisions about work. Such conversations help people and their circles of support discover employment possibilities and understand the options that exist. In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), this webinar co-hosted by NCAPPS and the State Employment Leadership Network (SELN) will highlight successful person-centered approaches and tools for discussing employment. Register [\*\*here\*\*](#).

### **Applied Self-Direction Offers Webinar November 10**

On November 10, the webinar, “Disabling Ableism: Tips for Partnering with Disabled People,” will be led by Erica Andres, a Training Consultant at Applied Self-Direction who has over 20 years of experience working in the Health and Human Services field and personal expertise living a self-directed life. While this session is primarily geared towards support brokers and other professionals working with self-direction programs, the key takeaways will be applicable to anyone who is nondisabled and working with people with disabilities. Self-direction is a model of long-term care that allows people to receive support in their homes and communities, the way they want it. Watch this video to learn more. This webinar will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm (ET). [Click here](#) to register.

#### **University of Toronto Offers Webinar on DSM-5TR and Neurocognitive Disorders**

As part of the University of Toronto Traumatic Brain Injury: Addressing Inequities Speaker Series, the University will be hosting the webinar, “Updates to DSM-5-TR: A focus on neurocognitive disorders,” on October 27 from 2:00 – 1:00 pm (EST). Dr. Diana Clarke from the American Psychiatric Association will be discussing updates to the Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th edition, text revision (DSM-5-TR) focusing on neurocognitive disorders. The series is supported by the Canada Research Chair in TBI in Underserved Populations. Register [here](#) for the Oct. 27 webinar.

#### **National Disability Forum to Hold Webinar on Homelessness and SSA Benefits**

The National Disability Forum is hosting the webinar, “Homelessness: Working with Stakeholders to Improve Access to SSA Benefits and Services,” Part II, Wednesday, October 19 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm (ET). The NDF is an open forum of Social Security that gives all interested stakeholders an opportunity to share their unique insights on topics of particular interest to SSA early in the process and directly with policy makers. For more information, go to the [NDR website](#).



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