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Research and Demonstration Program to Improve Coordinated Transportation Systems for People with Disabilities and Older Adults

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to promote the independence and community integration of people with disabilities and older adults through coordinated transportation systems that are responsive to their transportation needs. The goal of this 5 year project is to identify proven models and approaches that can be used by states and communities across the country to empower people with disabilities and older adults to be actively involved in the design and implementation of coordinated transportation systems in ways that successfully make those systems responsive to the needs of these populations.

Applicants seeking funding under this announcement may find it helpful to subcontract out some of the activities undertaken to implement this project to one or more national organizations with a successful track record and demonstrated experience in empowering people with disabilities and older adults to improve systems, such as making transportation systems responsive to meet the needs of people with disabilities and older adults.

The deadline date for submission of applications is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on August 14, 2012. The projected start date is September 30, 2012.

To learn more about this funding opportunity and to download the application, go to

http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Grants/Funding/docs/2012/FY2012_Transport

[ation_FOA.pdf](#) or www.grants.gov. The Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2012-ACL-TC-1216.

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New Funding Opportunity to Help States Continue Their Work to Implement ACA

Obama administration and states move forward to implement health care law

Health and Human Services Secretary (HHS) Kathleen Sebelius announced last week a new funding opportunity to help states continue their work to implement the health care law -- the Affordable Care Act (ACA). When the law is fully implemented in 2014, the affordable insurance exchanges will provide people and small businesses with one-stop shops to find, compare and purchase affordable, high-quality health insurance. This announcement makes more funding available to build all models of affordable insurance exchanges available to states. HHS also issued further guidance today to help states understand the full scope of activities that can be funded under the available grant funding as they work to build exchanges.

This new funding opportunity will provide states with 10 additional opportunities to apply for funding to establish a state-based exchange, state partnership exchange, or to prepare state systems for a federally facilitated exchange. To date, 34 states and the District of Columbia have received approximately \$850 million in Exchange Establishment Level One and Level Two cooperative agreements to fund their progress toward building exchanges. States can apply for exchange establishment cooperative agreements through the end of 2014. These funds are available for states to use beyond 2014 as they continue to work on their exchanges. This ensures that states have the support and time necessary to build the best exchange for their residents.

The guidance HHS issued last week provides information on the exchange-building activities that states can fund with establishment cooperative agreements. The guidance can be found at:

<http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/factsheets/hie-est-grant-faq-06292012.html>

HHS will conduct regional implementation forums in coming months to assist states and stakeholders on the work to be done in building exchanges, and to address their questions. HHS will also engage with tribes, tribal governments, and tribal organizations on how exchanges can serve their populations.

For more information on exchanges, including fact sheets, visit

<http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2011/05/exchanges05232011a.html>

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Funding Opportunity Reminders

HHS Grants to Help Protect Seniors, Test Elder Abuse Prevention Strategies

On June 14, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced a \$5.5 million funding opportunity for states and tribes to test ways to prevent elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. This initiative helps to implement the Elder Justice Act, which was enacted as part of the Affordable Care Act.

The applications are available through www.grants.gov (Funding Number HHS-2012-AOA-EA-1214) and will be due July 31, 2012. The final awards will be made no later than Sept. 30, 2012.

Secretary Sebelius made the announcement at a White House World Elder Abuse Awareness Day commemoration. The all-day event brought together the public and private sector to address elder abuse issues.

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SAMSHA Funding Opportunity

The Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for the Targeted Capacity Expansion Program: Substance Abuse Treatment for Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations at High Risk for HIV/AIDS. The purpose of this program is to facilitate the development and expansion of culturally competent and effective community-based treatment systems for substance use and co-occurring mental disorders within racial and ethnic minority communities in states with the highest HIV prevalence rates (at or above 270 per 100,000). The grants will total up to \$130.5 million over the course of a five year period.

To learn more about this funding opportunity, including the states and territories with the prerequisite HIV prevalence rates, and to download an application, go to www.grants.gov

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Stay Informed

Webinar on *Connecting the Aging Network, Individuals with Dementia, and Caregivers with Research Opportunities*

This webinar is the third in the three part series *Resources Available to Assist Persons with Alzheimer's Disease or Other Dementias and Their Family Caregivers*. The series is sponsored by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Administration for Community Living's Administration on Aging, in partnership with grantees.

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012

Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. PT; 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. MT
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. CT; / 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ET

Agenda:

Overview of Alzheimer's Disease Centers (ADCs):

What are ADCs and how can they benefit persons who suspect or have dementia?

Where are ADCs located?

What are other research centers/sites, such as Alzheimer's Disease? Cooperative Study?

Participating in clinical trials and other research:

What are clinical trials (both drug & non-drug trials)?

How can a person participate?

How can the Aging Network offer opportunities for healthy volunteers, individuals with dementia and caregivers of people with dementia to be involved with research opportunities?

How can you find research opportunities?

NIH resources:

ClinicalTrials.gov, ADEAR clinical trials database, ResearchMatch, Clinical Research and You site
TrialMatch.org and other & tools

Presenters:

Michelle Washko, PhD, Office of Policy Analysis & Development, ACL-AoA

Nina Silverberg, PhD, Program Officer, Alzheimer's Disease Centers, NIA

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To register for the online event

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1. Go to Event address for attendees: <https://aoa-events.webex.com/aoa-events/onstage/g.php?d=665747298&t=a>
 2. Click "Register".
 3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

Once your registration is approved, you will receive a confirmation email message with instructions on how to join the event.

Please note: Space is limited, so please register as early as possible. This webinar will also be recorded and posted on the AoA web site.

Upcoming ASA Webinars

The American Society on Aging (ASA) will host the following webinars in July.

Music As Brain Food

The “Music As Brain Food” programs offer cognitively challenging, enjoyable activities that stimulate the whole brain, based on the most current research. The elements that have been identified as most important for brain health are all incorporated into this holistic program, so that participants can get the benefits that come from practicing complementary brain fitness activities consistently over time.

Participants in this web seminar will:

- Understand why music can be considered a natural "whole-brain food," as well as what constitutes the holistic approach in this program
- Learn of ways this holistic use of music can be incorporated into existing programs to foster brain fitness in clients (and staff).
- Receive a demonstration of the ways Music as Brain Food can be delivered online and by phone to serve homebound and widely dispersed populations.

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012

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

Register Now!

Managing the Stress of a Family Caregiver

Being a caregiver can be stressful, but there are ways to cope. This webinar will acknowledge the stress faced by anyone who is caring for an older adult and offer solutions on how to manage that stress. We will introduce you to the

extent of caregiver stress, outline signs that stress might be affecting you and offer tips on dealing with special caregiving considerations.

Participants in this web seminar will:

- Learn about the extent of, and be able to identify the signs of, caregiver stress and depression
- Discover ways to handle the challenges of caring for those with Alzheimer's disease
- Gain tips and strategies to lessen caregiver stress, burnout, and depression

Date: Wednesday, July 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!

WISER Forum on *Expanding Retirement Opportunities*

Sponsored by Women's Institute for A Secure Retirement (WISER), this forum will:

- Provide a retrospective on savings and retirement in the US.
- Examine the realities of retirement today from multiple industry perspectives.
- Look ahead at what regulatory and legislative changes are on the horizon.

For a complete agenda and list of speakers, click [here](#).

The reception following the forum will honor Virginia Tech students who won the 2011-2012 iOMe award for their essay and video on the nation's retirement.

Topic: Expanding Savings & Retirement Opportunities: Dialogue Inside and Outside the Beltway

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012

Time: 3:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Site: Capitol View Conference Center
101 Constitution Avenue NW, 7th Floor
Washington, DC

Please RSVP with your email, name, and contact information to info@wiserwomen.org. For any questions, please call 202-393-5452.

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Tools & Information

Just Rewards –Restitution for the Victim; Jail Time for the Scammer

AoA-funded program steps in to help right a wrong

When 85-year-old Gwendolyn Swank of Pemaquid, Maine hired neighbor Randy Chapman to do “handyman” chores at the mobile home park she managed, little did she know that in five years, she would be duped out of more than \$300,000 in savings and be left with just 37 cents in her pocket.

Fortunately for Ms. Swank, a niece reached out to the Maine Legal Services for the Elderly (MLSE) for guidance. Funded in part by the Administration for Community Living’s Administration on Aging AoA, MLSE provides free, high quality legal services to Maine’s socially and economically needy elderly age 60 and over.

Earlier this year Mr. Chapman was convicted of theft by deception. And last week a Superior Court judge awarded Ms. Swank a \$1.3 million judgment, in part for the emotional suffering caused by what the judge called the "defendant's ruthless exploitation of her."

Ms. Swank is determined to share her story as a lesson for others. To read the details of her story, go to

<http://www.mpbn.net/News/MPBNNews/tabid/1159/ctl/ViewItem/mid/3762/ItemId/22371/Default.aspx>

To learn more about Maine Legal Services for the Elderly, go to

<http://www.mainelse.org/>

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Innovative CDC Effort Expands HIV Testing into Pharmacies

A pilot project to train pharmacists and retail store clinic staff at 24 rural and urban sites to deliver confidential rapid HIV testing was announced last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The goal of the initiative is to extend HIV testing and counseling into the standard everyday services offered by pharmacies and retail clinics.

CDC will use the results of the pilot effort to develop a model for implementation of HIV testing in these settings across the United States. The project is part of CDC’s efforts to support its 2006 testing recommendations,

which call for all adults and adolescents to be tested for HIV at least once in their lives.

For more information on this new initiative, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/newsroom/NHTDPRESSRelease2012.html>

To learn more about CDC's HIV/AIDS prevention efforts, visit www.cdc.gov/hiv

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Health System Measurement Project

The [Health System Measurement Project](#) was recently launched by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Project brings together, in a very easy to use format, trend information on about 50 key health system-related measures across ten topical areas, including access to care, cost and affordability, prevention, and health information technology. Most of the data can be viewed by population characteristics, such as age, sex, income level, insurance coverage, and geography.

The site can be a useful resource when compiling reports, responding to requests for information, drafting memos, talking points and testimony, and working with stakeholders. The project was developed by the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. This tool contains information on how the measures were calculated and provides users with direct links back to the original data sources.

You can view the project at healthmeasures.aspe.hhs.gov

If you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns as you review the website, please contact the ASPE system administrator at HSMPAdmin@hhs.gov.

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Social Security and Kaiser Permanente Begin Partnership to Speed Up Disability Decisions

Unprecedented agreement will cut cost, save time and improve service

The Social Security Administration recently announced that Kaiser Permanente, one of the nation's largest healthcare providers, will electronically transmit complete medical records for its patients to the agency with the appropriate consent. Social Security requests about 70,000 patient files from Kaiser Permanente each year so this seamless new system will save time and money for both partners as well as allow Social Security to make faster and more accurate decisions.

Over the last few years, Social Security had entered into similar agreements with several smaller providers to exchange medical records electronically over the Nationwide Health Information Network. The agreement with Kaiser Permanente marks the agency's first move into using health information technology on a large-scale basis.

To read more on this new agreement, go to <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/pr/ssa-and-kaiser-pr.html>

More information on Social Security's use of health IT is available at www.socialsecurity.gov/hit

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Preventing Identify Theft

If your identity is stolen, what will you do? Do you know your rights?

Identity theft continues to top the list of consumer complaints to the [Federal Trade Commission](#). An identity thief can hijack your tax refund, alter your medical records, prevent you from getting credit or a job, and even borrow money in your child's name.

New publications from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, explain how to protect your child's information and your own, and the immediate steps to take to limit damage from identity theft:

[Taking Charge: What To Do If Your Identity is Stolen](#) is a handbook with tips about protecting your information, and instructions, sample forms, and letters to help recover from theft.

[Safeguarding Your Child's Future](#) is a guide to help parents and guardians protect a child's information and repair damage caused by theft.

[Identity Theft: What To Know, What To Do](#) is an easy-to-copy brochure covering the basics: how to avoid and respond to identity theft.

In addition, three one-minute [videos](#) demonstrate habits to protect personal information and the essential first steps to take if your identity is stolen.

Read or [download](#) the information, or order copies at <https://bulkorder.ftc.gov/>

All materials are free and in the public domain.

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New Resource: *Let's Face It: Older Adults Speak About HIV*

A new resource is available to help the Aging Services Network educate older adults about HIV/AIDS. The booklet, *Let's Face It: Older Adults Speak About HIV*, was created by the AIDS Community Research Initiative of America (ACRIA) to allow the concerns of older adults living with or at risk for HIV to be heard in their own voices. The booklet includes 12 stories that focus on issues that have been found to be particularly common in older adults.

To view the booklet, click: [Let's Face It: Older Adults Speak about HIV](#)

To receive up to ten free copies of the booklet, contact Elizabeth Dominguez by phone at: 212-924-3934 X 134 or by email at edominguez@acria.org. You can also complete the [Brochure Order Form](#) and fax it to 212-924-3936.

For additional HIV and aging resources, visit the [AoA Older Adults and HIV/AIDS Webpage](#)

To learn more about ACRIA, visit the website at <http://www.acria.org/contribute/events>

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29th Biennial International AIDS Conference—Washington DC, July 22 – 27

The biennial International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policymakers, people living with HIV and others committed to ending the epidemic. AIDS 2012 is expected to convene more than 20,000 delegates from nearly 200 countries, including 2,000 journalists. The conference will be held from 22 to 27 July 2012 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. This Conference is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learned, and collectively chart a course forward.

The AIDS 2012 program will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types will meet the needs of various participants. Other related activities, including the Global Village, satellite meetings, exhibitions and affiliated independent events, will contribute to an exceptional opportunity for professional development and networking. For more information go to www.aids2012.org

To learn how you can be a part of the conference if you cannot be in Washington, read the information below on AIDS 2012 Conference Hubs.

AIDS 2012 Conference Hubs

With the return of the International AIDS Conference to the U.S., organizers are expecting a larger than usual American delegation. Even so, for many others who could benefit — including many state and local government employees and Federal grantees — travel and registration costs will make participation unaffordable. Fortunately, if you are not able to come to Washington, conference organizers have created a way to bring parts of the conference to you — by organizing a conference hub.

Conference hubs are locally organized meetings or mini-conferences where stakeholders come to view videotaped sessions from AIDS 2012. Typically, these sessions are followed by moderated discussions to allow participants to discuss the local implications of the session content with experts. Participation in hubs is free and conference organizers have created a virtual “Hub in a Box” tool kit designed to make organizing and hosting a hub as easy as possible.

To learn more about hosting a conference hub or to view the list of approved hubs, go to <http://www.aids2012.org/Default.aspx?pageId=397>

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Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990 by President George H.W. Bush. ADA is a wide-ranging civil rights law that prohibits, under certain circumstances, discrimination based on disability. Disability is defined by the ADA as "a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity."

Resource: <http://www.ada.gov/>

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Sponsor: National Alliance on Mental Illness

http://www.nami.org/Template.cfm?Section=Multicultural_Support&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=120508

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