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## **President Obama Engages with Youth with Disabilities**

Recently, President Obama met with some youth participants from the American Association of People with Disabilities Internship Program. He wanted to hear their thoughts about the future of disability policy. These future leaders spent their summer in DC, interning with various organizations.

The White House released a video recapping the meeting.

[Watch it on YouTube here.](#)

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## **7 Prevention Resources from the ACA for You and Your Family**

Under the Affordable Care Act, many insurers are required to cover certain preventive services at no cost, including vaccines, mammograms, cancer screenings, and more. Use the resources below to learn more about prevention and spread the word.

1. [Visit the Prevention & Wellness page on HealthCare.gov](#)
2. [Learn about free preventive care for you and your family](#)
3. [See a list of covered services for adults, women, and children](#)
4. [Find out about Medicare Preventive Services for seniors](#)
5. [Get prevention information and tools from HealthFinder.gov](#)
6. [Find out where to get your Flu Shot](#)
7. [Visit Vaccines.gov to learn more about immunization](#)

Read more about the Affordable Care Act at [HealthCare.gov](#), find out [what's changing and when](#), and learn more about [the health care law and your state](#)

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## **Funding Opportunities**

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**ACA Funding Opportunity to Support SHIP and ADRC Options Counseling for Medicare-Medicaid Individuals**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement is being jointly coordinated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL). Funding under this Announcement is only available to states that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CMS to implement Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Demonstrations.

This Funding Opportunity will provide financial assistance to State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs) and/or Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) to provide options counseling to Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. This will ensure that beneficiaries and their families have access to an unbiased and beneficiary-friendly source of information and counseling on options available under the Financial Alignment Demonstration to help individuals make informed decisions about options they have for receiving their Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

**The application deadline is September 24, 2012.**

The project period for each award will be for three (3) years. The estimated project period for the initial round of awards will be from October 19, 2012 to October 18, 2015. Following this deadline, based on available funding, applications will be accepted for review and approval from eligible states throughout fiscal year 2013.

For more information, including a chart of subsequent funding opportunities, pending the availability of funds, go to

<http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press/factsheet.asp?Counter=4437&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&srchOpt=0&srchData=&keywordType=All&chkNewsType=6&intPage=&showAll=&pYear=&year=&desc=&cboOrder=date>

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### **Funding Opportunity from LeadingAge**

[LeadingAge](#), an association of six thousand not-for-profit organizations dedicated to making America a better place to grow old, has announced the availability of grants through its new Innovations Fund. The fund is designed to help catalyze innovation among LeadingAge members by funding programs that have demonstrable impact on residents, clients, families, employees, or the broader community.

A total of \$100,000 is available through the Innovations Fund in its inaugural year for projects that address the critical importance of bringing housing and services together to meet the needs of lower income elderly.

Winning proposals will address one or several dimensions of housing with services, including assessment (development/implementation of resident assessment tools, using information to prioritize services, developing resident service plans); health and wellness programming (health promotion activities, self-care management, chronic care management, transitional care and health education); partnerships with service providers (co-location of services, development of formal collaborations with community health and social service agencies), workforce training (service coordinator training, property manager training around linking housing and services), and technology (assistive devices, retrofitting and home modification, wireless communication, telehealth).

Applications are due on or before October 30, 2012, but priority consideration will be given to applications submitted by September 30, 2012.

To learn more, go to

[http://www.leadingage.org/Grants\\_Available\\_Through\\_LeadingAge\\_Innovations\\_Fund.aspx](http://www.leadingage.org/Grants_Available_Through_LeadingAge_Innovations_Fund.aspx)

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### **Funding Opportunity for the Aging Network**

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has available funding opportunities for Senior Corps RSVP programs.

CNCS seeks to fund organizations that can demonstrate community impact and solve community problems through National Performance Measures in the following six focus areas:

[Disaster Services](#)

[Economic Opportunity](#)

[Education](#)

[Environmental Stewardship](#)

[Healthy Futures](#)

[Veterans and Military Families](#)

***The deadline for CNCS to receive applications is October 11, 2012.***

The Draft Notice is at

[http://www.seniorcorps.gov/for\\_organizations/funding/nofa\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_nofa\\_id=97](http://www.seniorcorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=97)

CNCS will host technical assistance calls to answer questions about this funding opportunity including how to apply and information about the new performance measures.

**Call Dates:**

August 28; September 18 and 26; and October 2. For specific details and call registration information, go to the page with the [Notice](#)

Other questions can be directed to [2013RSVP@cns.gov](mailto:2013RSVP@cns.gov)

A webinar about this competition will be held for the Aging Network.

Date:

Thursday, September 6, 2012

Time:

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Register:

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/567655567>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Presenters:

Dr. Erwin Tan, Director, Senior Corps

Tom Endres, The Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative

Topic:

How Area Agencies on Aging are positioned to be competitive for this new funding opportunity. The Volunteer Collaborative is an on-line resource funded by AoA to assist the Aging Network in engaging and empowering older adults and maximizing their leadership skills and experiences.

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**Webinar Reminders*****Are You Ready? Readiness Assessment Guide for Your Agency's Volunteer Engagement***

Sponsored by the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative, this webinar will provide a walk-thru of readiness assessment tools for agencies looking to determine how ready they are to engage the "next generation" of volunteers.

The Aging Network needs to be ready to offer fulfilling opportunities that empower older adults and maximize their leadership skills and experiences to the benefit of us all.

Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT

To register, go to <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/892096415>

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### ***AccessibilityOnline***

AccessibilityOnline represents a collaborative training program between the [ADA National Network](#) and the [US Access Board](#). The program includes a series of **free** webinars and audio conferences on different topics of accessibility. Sessions are held on a monthly basis and cover a variety of topics concerning accessibility to the built environment, information and communication technologies, and transportation. The training is coordinated and hosted by the [Great Lakes ADA Center](#).

The September webinar will examine the use of interactive features, captioning, audio connections, and other features as it relates to those who are planning to provide webinars as well as those who are developing webinar platforms.

Date: Thursday, September 6, 2012

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET

To register, go to [www.accessibilityonline.org](http://www.accessibilityonline.org)

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### **Regional Stakeholder Engagement Teleconference with CMS on Health Insurance Marketplace & Expanded Insurance Options**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) invite you to a regional teleconference with CMS staff to:

Update you on the latest information regarding implementation of the Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchanges), part of the Affordable Care Act.  
Start discussing strategies to educate the uninsured, under-insured, and small businesses about expanded insurance coverage options.

Registration is required. Phone lines are limited. See the teleconference schedule below for call details and registration information. If you are

unavailable on the date for your region, you may attend any of the other regional sessions.

### Teleconference Schedule

*\*All times are expressed in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)*

<b>CMS Host Region/City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Teleconference Date and Time*</b>	<b>Registration information</b>
I / Boston	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island , and Vermont	Tuesday, September 11, 2012 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT	Please register at <a href="http://cmsbostonhie.eventbrite.com">http://cmsbostonhie.eventbrite.com</a>
II / New York	New Jersey and New York	Thursday, September 13, 2012 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT	Please register at <a href="http://cmsnewyorkhie.eventbrite.com">http://cmsnewyorkhie.eventbrite.com</a>
III / Philadelphia	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania , Virginia, and West Virginia	Thursday, September 13, 2012 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT	Please register at <a href="http://cmsphiladelphiahie.eventbrite.com">http://cmsphiladelphiahie.eventbrite.com</a>
IV / Atlanta	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee	Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT	Please register at <a href="http://cmsatlantahie.eventbrite.com">http://cmsatlantahie.eventbrite.com</a>
V / Chicago	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin	Thursday, September 6, 2012 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT	Please register at <a href="http://cmschicagohie.eventbrite.com">http://cmschicagohie.eventbrite.com</a>
VI / Dallas	Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas	Friday, September 14, 2012 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT	Please register at <a href="http://cmsdallashie.eventbrite.com">http://cmsdallashie.eventbrite.com</a>
VII / Kansas City	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska	Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT	Please register at <a href="http://cmskansascityhie.eventbrite.com">http://cmskansascityhie.eventbrite.com</a>
VIII / Denver	Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming	Monday, September 10, 2012 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT	Please register at <a href="http://cmsdenverhie.eventbrite.com">http://cmsdenverhie.eventbrite.com</a>
IX / San Francisco	Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Pacific Territories	Friday, September 14, 2012 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT	Please register at <a href="http://cmssanfranciscohie.eventbrite.com">http://cmssanfranciscohie.eventbrite.com</a>
X / Seattle	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington	Friday, September 7, 2012 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT	Please register at <a href="http://cmsseattlehie.eventbrite.com">http://cmsseattlehie.eventbrite.com</a>

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## **Tools & Information**

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### **The National Center on Elder Abuse**

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) funds a number of resource centers designed to provide information to consumers and technical assistance to professionals on a variety of topics. The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) serves as a national resource center dedicated to the prevention of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. To carry out its mission, the NCEA provides relevant information, materials, and support to enhance state and local efforts to prevent and address elder mistreatment. NCEA disseminates information to professionals and the public, and it provides technical assistance and training to states and to community-based organizations, makes available news and resources; collaborates on research; provides consultation, education, and training; identifies and provides information about promising practices and interventions; and operates a listserve forum for professionals.

The NCEA's serves the general public, social service and health care practitioners, the justice system, researchers, advocates and policy-makers.

The NCEA Information Clearinghouse can be found at <http://www.ncea.aoa.gov> and the NCEA National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative at <http://www.nieji.org/>

If you would like to know more about the Resource Centers that the ACL funds, you can find information at:  
[http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Resource\\_Centers/Index.aspx](http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Resource_Centers/Index.aspx)

Future newsletters will be featuring the other resource centers.

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### **Information for Older Drivers Is Newest Topic on NIH SeniorHealth Site** *Site offers information on age-related health changes, safety tips and driving adjustments*

The National Institutes of Health last week unveiled a new online resource for older drivers and families seeking information on an often sensitive topic: Is it still safe to drive? Developed by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) at NIH and the US Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Older Drivers topic offers up-to-date information

on how aging may affect driving, including physical changes, safety issues and ways older drivers can cope when driving skills change. The new topic is available at

<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/olderdrivers/howagingaffectsdriving/01.html>

The new Older Drivers topic serves as an important online resource, with safety tips, recommendations about preferred travel lanes, braking and left turns. It also offers suggestions for adjusting driving habits when there are changes in hearing, vision and reaction times. Information about refresher courses, vehicle safety, regulations that affect older drivers and alternative means of transportation is also provided.

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### **New NIH Mobile App Helps Women Learn about Their Health in 52 Weeks**

52 Weeks for Women's Health, a new app that offers women access to a year's worth of practical health information, highlighted week-by-week, is now available.

The app is based on the popular Primer for Women's Health: Learn about Your Body in 52 Weeks, published by the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) at the National Institutes of Health.

The easy-to-use mobile app can help women identify health risks for themselves and their families, and can help them create and maintain healthy lifestyles throughout their lives. Questions to ask health care providers, a glossary of health terms, and health screening information and links to additional information from NIH institutes and centers expand the mobile app's offerings.

The app is available for download to your iPhone or iPad from the [App Store](#) or to your Android device via [Google Play](#)

Content is also accessible without the use of a handheld device, at <http://52weeks4women.nih.gov/>

In the near future, NIH will launch an app for men's health with similar features.

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### **Picture Yourself Doing Something Grand!**

Imagine if millions of older adults used their voices to advocate on behalf of America's future: our children and youth. That's precisely what Generations United envisions come September.

Using Grandparents Day (September 9) as a call to action, Generations United is planning a full week of intergenerational activism. Together, adults and youth can reach out to decision makers and begin one of the most important dialogues in our history: addressing the many challenges facing future generations—from literacy to health and wellness to financial stability.

Resources, ideas, and information on ways that you and your organization can get involved in the *Do Something Grand* Campaign are available at [www.grandparentsday.org](http://www.grandparentsday.org)

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