



Newsletter

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

[Sharon Lewis Named as Principal Deputy of ACL and as Secretary Sebelius' Senior Advisor on Disability Policy](#)

[ACL Blog on the 50th Anniversary of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act](#)

[ACL National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging POMP To Go Webinar Series](#)

Tools and Information

[Social Security Announces 1.5 Percent Benefit Increase for 2014](#)

[Affordable Care Act Gives Medicare Beneficiaries Major Savings](#)

Webinars

[Emergency Management and Preparedness - Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities Webinar Series](#)

[Webinar: What is the essence of creativity?](#)

November Observances

[Share this on Facebook](#)

[Tweet this to a friend](#)

Sharon Lewis Named as Principal Deputy of ACL and as Secretary Sebelius' Senior Advisor on Disability Policy

Dear Colleague,

Please join me in congratulating Sharon Lewis, who was recently named as the Principal Deputy Administrator at the Administration for Community Living (ACL), as well as Secretary Sebelius' Senior Advisor on Disability Policy. These new roles and responsibilities are a reflection of Sharon's hard work and commitment to the goals and mission of ACL and its programs.

Ms. Lewis came to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to lead the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) in the spring of 2010. Prior to joining the Administration, Ms. Lewis spent over a decade working on disability policy at the state and local level. She spent three years as Senior Disability Policy Advisor to Chairman George Miller of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor. She also assisted President Obama's Transition Team as a member of the U.S. Department of Education Agency Review Team and, before that, served as a Kennedy Public Policy Fellow on the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Children and Families with Chairman Chris Dodd.

During her tenure as AIDD's Commissioner, Ms. Lewis was a steadfast advocate for the implementation of policies and programs that improve the lives of those living with disabilities and their families. Over the past year, she also served as ACL's Acting Principal Deputy, playing an integral role in ACL's development and continuing her advocacy for access to community supports. As ACL moves forward, Sharon will continue to provide the agency with her strong leadership to meet the unique needs of older Americans and people with disabilities across the lifespan.

As Ms. Lewis takes on her new role, I am pleased to also announce that Aaron Bishop will become AIDD's Acting Commissioner. Mr. Bishop has nearly twenty years of experience working with and for individuals with disabilities in both the direct practice and public policy sectors. For the past year, Mr. Bishop has served as AIDD's Deputy Commissioner. Before joining AIDD, Aaron was the Executive Director of the National Council on Disability. His previous experience includes a Kennedy Foundation Public Policy Fellowship to work on federal disability policy and legislation for the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

I look forward to continuing our work together and to fulfilling our important mission.

Sincerely,

Kathy Greenlee

Administrator, Administration for Community Living

[Back to the top](#)

ACL Blog on the 50th Anniversary of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act

On October 31, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act). ACL highlights the importance of DD Act programs in a special [anniversary blog](#).

[Back to the top](#)

ACL National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging POMP To Go Webinar Series

POMP To Go is an initiative of the ACL-funded [National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging](#). This two-part webinar series will walk you through the *POMP To Go Toolkit* and will address why [POMP](#) (Performance Outcome Measurement Project) is important for your organization.

[Registration](#) for this series is free.

Webinar 1: POMP To Go Toolkit—How to Start Measuring Your Performance

Tuesday, November 12, 2013 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET

This session will provide an overview of the POMP Toolkit, tools, and procedures, as well as examples of how states, area agencies on aging, and local service providers have used them. There will be time for Q and A.

Webinar 2: POMP To Go Toolkit—How to Use Your Data Successfully

November 14, 2013 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET

This session will provide specific examples about how states, area agencies on aging, and local service providers have used their own data to improve programming, secure funding, and expand service. There will be an interactive exercise to help you plan your data collection efforts, as well as time for Q & A.

[Back to the top](#)

Tools and Information

[Back to the top](#)

Social Security Announces 1.5 Percent Benefit Increase for 2014

The Social Security Administration recently announced a 1.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment for monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits in 2014. [Read more.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

Affordable Care Act Gives Medicare Beneficiaries Major Savings

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently announced that health care reform efforts are eliciting significant out-of-pocket savings for Medicare beneficiaries, pointing to zero growth in 2014 Medicare Part B premiums and deductibles, and more than \$8 billion in cumulative savings in the prescription drug coverage gap known as the “donut hole.” [Read more.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

Webinars

Emergency Management and Preparedness—Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities Webinar Series

This webinar will focus on communicating with people with disabilities during and after an emergency or disaster. Best practices, successful approaches, and new technology for communicating with people who are blind or have visual impairments, are deaf or have hearing limitations, or have a cognitive disability will be shared by presenters. [Register here.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

Webinar: What is the essence of creativity?

Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. ET

This webinar is the latest in a series hosted by the [NEA Interagency Task Force on the Arts and Human Development](#). The discussion will address some of the common assumptions about creativity: how it's defined and measured, and how scientific inquiry can enhance our understanding about creativity and art-making. [Register here.](#)

[Back to the top](#)

November Observances

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

[Presidential Proclamation](#)

Resource: [ACL Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program](#)

National Diabetes Month

[Presidential Proclamation](#)

Resource: [HHS National Diabetes Education Program](#)

National Family Caregivers Month

Theme: Family Caregivers – Now More Than Ever!

[Presidential Proclamation](#)

Resource: [ACL National Family Caregiver Support Program](#)

Native American Heritage Month

[Presidential Proclamation](#)

[Statement by HHS Secretary Sebelius](#)

Resource: [ACL Services for Native Americans](#)

Week

18th-24th Get Smart About Antibiotics Week

Day

11th: Veterans Day

14th: World Diabetes Day

17th: Great American Smokeout

28th: Family Health History Day – Resource: [CDC Information Sheet](#)

[Back to the top](#)

ACL News and Info is an electronic newsletter distributed by the ACL Office of External Affairs. Its contents are for informational purposes. [More information on ACL](#). You can also contact us at 202-619-0724 (phone); 202-357-3555 (fax) or by Email at ACLinfo@acl.hhs.gov

Use of trade names and commercial sources is for identification only and does not imply endorsement by ACL. References to non-ACL sites on the Internet are provided as a service to *ACL News and Info* readers and do not constitute or imply endorsement of these organizations or their programs by ACL or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ACL is not responsible for the content of pages found at these sites. URL addresses listed in *ACL News and Info* were current as of the date of publication.