



# Newsletter

**Tuesday, November 26, 2013**

**PLEASE NOTE: We are in the process of updating the format of this newsletter.** As such, there will be one issue of *ACL News & Info* in December 2013 (in the current format). In January 2014, we will send you information about the new version. Stay tuned!

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## **Now Online: Video of White House Observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Developmental Disabilities Act**

As detailed in last week's newsletter, the Obama Administration marked the 50th Anniversary of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) with an event at the White House.

[Click here](#) to watch the full recording of the event, now posted on the White House website. [Click here](#) for additional information on the DD Act and the White House 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

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## **Evaluation of the National Family Caregiver Support Program**

The Administration for Community Living is directing a national, comprehensive evaluation of the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP). The evaluation will assess the impact of the program at several levels and will document how NFCSP goals are being met and how programs are being implemented in the field.

Details about the evaluation goals and process are available [here](#).

The Federal Register Notice for public comment regarding the proposed NFCSP Evaluation information collection activities was posted on November 20, 2013 and can be found here: [11/20/13 FRN](#).

Written or electronic comments on the proposed information collection activities must be submitted to [Alice-Lynn.Ryssman@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:Alice-Lynn.Ryssman@acl.hhs.gov) by January 21, 2014.

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## **Executive Order Continues President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities**

President Obama recently signed an [Executive Order](#) continuing the work of the [President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities](#) through September 30, 2015.

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## **Webinars**

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### **From Plan to Practice: Implementing the National Alzheimer's Project Act in Your State**

***Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET***

Sponsored by the [Alzheimer's Foundation of America](#) and the [National Alliance for Caregiving](#), this free webinar will bring together federal and state policymakers who have developed comprehensive plans to provide supports and services to people with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers. Federal and state experts will present best practices and provide tools and strategies on how best to implement the National Alzheimer's Project Act at the local level.

State and local policymakers, long-term care providers, advocates, family caregivers, and those impacted by the caregiver challenges of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia are encouraged to attend. [Register here](#).

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### **Volunteers & Risk Management: Senior Medicare Patrol Resources**

***Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 2:00 p.m. ET***

Join the [Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative](#) to learn more about Senior Medicare Patrol's Volunteer Risk and Program Management policies, including how these allow for local level customization and implementation.

[Register here](#).

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## **HHS Webinar on Multiple Chronic Conditions: 2013 Update**

***December 5, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET***

Join Dr. Howard Koh, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health, for a webinar about the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' [Strategic Framework on Multiple Chronic Conditions](#), which provides a roadmap for the public and private sectors to optimize health and quality of life for persons with multiple chronic conditions.

To participate, please RSVP to [mcc@hhs.gov](mailto:mcc@hhs.gov) by Friday, November 29, 2013.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the HHS Multiple Chronic Conditions Initiative.

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## **Role of Faith Leaders in Suicide Prevention**

***Thursday, December 5, 2013, 4:00 p.m. ET***

Sponsored by the HHS Partnership Center and The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, this webinar will provide information that faith leaders need to know about suicide prevention, such as warning signs and how to offer ways to educate their communities and provide support. [Register here](#).

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## **Tools & Information**

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### **Thanksgiving is Family Health History Day: Online Tool Available to Help Organize and Share Useful Info**

As families gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, Acting Surgeon General Boris Lushniak encourages everyone to spend time talking about their health. "A patient's family health history is an easy, quick and inexpensive way to get a rough estimate of how strongly a particular disease runs in a family. Knowing your family health history can help your clinician identify screening and treatment options that are personalized for you," says Lushniak.

The [Surgeon General's My Family Health Portrait](#) tool is a free and easy way to record health history. Consumers are able to capture and organize their family members' information and share it with other family members and health care professionals. [Read more](#).

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## **25<sup>th</sup> World AIDS Day, December 1, 2013**



The theme of this year's World AIDS Day, December 1, 2013, is "Shared Responsibility: Strengthening Results for an AIDS-Free Generation."

Visit the AIDS.gov [World AIDS Day page](#) for resources to help plan World AIDS Day observances. Check out this [statement](#) on Faith Communities and World AIDS Day by Dr. Howard Koh, Assistant Secretary for Health.

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## **For Public Comment: Federal Communications Commission's Policies and Practices to Ensure Compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

As part of its periodic review for compliance with [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act](#), the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau has issued a [Public Notice](#) seeking comment on the accessibility of FCC programs and activities. Section 504 forbids organizations and employers from excluding or denying individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to receive program benefits and services. It defines the rights of individuals with disabilities to participate in, and have access to, program benefits and services.

*Comments must be received by December 2, 2013.*

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## **Survey on Disability Employment**

The [National Council on Independent Living](#) is seeking broad support to get public input on its disability employment survey. Findings from the survey are intended to shape disability policy and will be widely shared.

For more information about this 10-minute survey, please contact Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi at [jlm@laszlostrategies.com](mailto:jlm@laszlostrategies.com) or 202-365-0787.

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## **Let's Talk: Starting the Conversation about Health, Legal, Financial and End-of-Life Issues**

The Eldercare Locator, in partnership with The Conversation Project, launched its 11th Home for the Holidays campaign with the release of a new guide for families to help start conversations about health, legal, financial, and end-of-life issues. Check out the guide [here](#).

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## **2013 Falls Prevention Awareness Day Report is Now Online**

The 6th Annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day (September 22, 2013) was the biggest yet, with 47 states and the District of Columbia participating.

A [Compendium of State and National Activities](#) has been posted on the National Council on Aging website. The report includes data from participating states, as well as photos, YouTube links, highlights, challenges, and opportunities that may be useful in planning falls prevention activities.

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[Presidential Proclamation](#)

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

National Diabetes Month

[Presidential Proclamation](#)

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

National Epilepsy Awareness Month

[Statement by Dr. Howard Koh, Assistant Secretary for Health](#)

National Family Caregivers Month

Theme: Family Caregivers – Now More Than Ever!

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[Blog by ACL Administrator Greenlee](#)

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

Native American Heritage Month

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28<sup>th</sup>: Family Health History Day  
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