2016 AIRS Conference

ACL Update

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Overview

- Older Americans Month

- OAA Reauthorization

- Elder Justice – APS and WEAAD

- No Wrong Door Update

- Veteran Directed HCBS

Trailblazer Stories

Blazing Trail Selfies

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OAA Reauthorization

- President signed into law on April 19,2016.

- 3 Year Reauthorization

- ACL staff conducting carefully review.

- Info to be posted on ACL.gov & email.

- Specific questions should be sent to OAA2016@acl.hhs.gov

Elder Justice
Adult Protective Services

State Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services (APS)

- Improve outcomes of the individuals served by APS;
- Improving the skills, capabilities, and qualifications of individuals providing APS;
- Developing, evaluating, updating, and deploying of technologies to track, investigate, and resolve cases.

Draft Voluntary Consensus Guidelines for State APS Systems

- Promote an effective APS response across the country;
- Guidelines are informational in content and are intended to assist states in developing efficient and effective APS systems;
- The guidelines are field-developed, consensus-driven.

National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS)

- **Agency Component**—descriptive information about the state's adult APS program.
- **Case Component**—non-identifiable, case-specific information on clients and perpetrators for whom an APS case was closed during the reporting period (federal fiscal year).
- **Key Indicators Component**— aggregated data completed by those states unable to submit the Case Component.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was launched on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations.

- Once a year on June 15, communities and municipalities around the world plan activities and programs to recognize WEAAD.

- WEAAD serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

- For additional information visit ACL's WEAAD Microsite
  http://acl.gov/NewsRoom/Observances/WEAAD/index.aspx

No Wrong Door/ADRC Updates

- **Purpose**
  - Help states transform their LTSS access systems and functions into a single "No Wrong Door" system, where anyone seeking LTSS can be seamlessly connected to the full range of community-based options available to help them remain in the community.
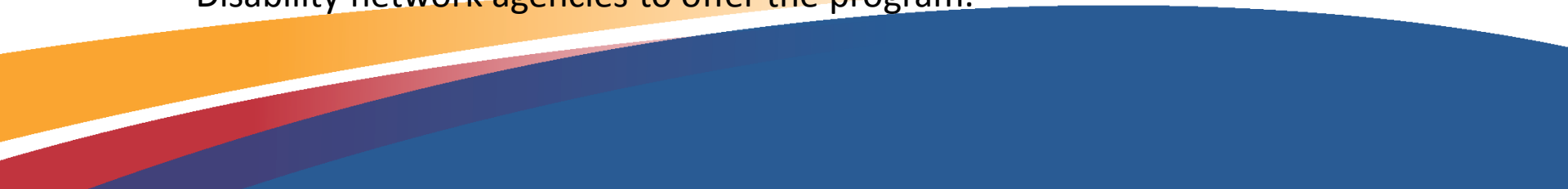
- **What is it?**
  - ACL, CMS & the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) have partnered since 2003. To date over $200.0 million invested across 56 states and territories to help streamline access to LTSS.
  - NWD System coordinates existing LTSS access functions into a LTSS access system that works better for the people regardless of age, income or disability and leverages administrative investments.
  - Provides person centered thinking, planning and practice among organizations within a NWD System.

No Wrong Door/ADRC Updates

- Latest News & Current Events

  – On-line curriculum has been developed which teaches foundational level person centered thinking and planning skills. (13 states will pilot in '16- 2,100 learners).

  – CMS has published guidance for states on Medicaid Administrative Claiming for state NWD Systems (includes national framework for NWD Systems).

  – Over the next five years, ACL will work with the planning and implementation states to further build out their NWD/ADRC System and develop promising practices which demonstrate the "how" and "impact" of a NWD System.

Veteran Directed Home and Community Based services (VD-HCBS)

- The Aging & Disability Network plays an important role by providing a facilitated assessment and care/service planning, arranges fiscal management services, and provides ongoing person centered counseling to support to Veterans and their families.

- Currently serving Veterans in 31 States, DC and Puerto Rico.

- Program has served over 3200 Veterans.

- To date, the VHA has invested $100 million into the VD-HCBS program

- Currently 58 Veterans Affairs Medical Centers are partnering with 120 Aging and Disability network agencies to offer the program.

VA Choice Program

- The VA Choice Program (VCP) allows Veterans to receive care outside of VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) under certain criteria.
    - Driving distance to the nearest VAMC or delays in access to care

- Under VCP, VA will be able to purchase long-term services and supports, including VD-HCBS. Under the new regulations, VA can purchase services using VA Provider Agreements under VA Choice from the Aging & Disability Networks specifically:
    - Area Agencies on Aging, Aging & Disability Resource Centers, Centers for Independent Living, and State Units on Aging

VCP Opportunities

- VCP is the new funding stream which allows more Veterans to receive the services that best meet their needs

- VCP offers an opportunity for Aging & Disability Networks to serve our Nation's Veterans through Provider Agreements with VAMCs

- ACL and VHA are looking to leverage VD-HCBS to expand the Aging & Disability Networks role in delivering LTSS for VAMCs
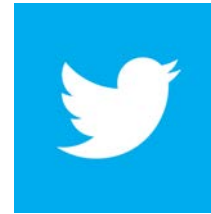
VA Choice Program

- More information on VCP will be shared with Aging & Disability Networks on future Webinars

- If you have questions regarding VCP and VD-HCBS, please email: veterandirected@acl.hhs.gov

- For more information and resources on VCP and VD-HCBS:
  - http://www.acl.gov/Programs/CIP/OCASD/VDHCBS/index.aspx
  - http://www.va.gov/geriatrics/guide/longtermcare/Veteran-Directed_Care.asp
  - http://www.adrc-tae.acl.gov/tiki-index.php?page=VDHCBS

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