Founded in 1964 to represent state agencies on aging.

In 2010, changed name in recognition of the fact that most state agencies served aging and disability populations.

56 members represent State and Territorial Agencies on Aging and Disabilities.

Board of Directors – Executive Officers, 10 regional representatives and 10 regional alternate reps.

http://www.nasuad.org/
Key Resources and Initiatives

- NASUAD.org
- HCBS.org
- NASUADiQ.org
- Friday Update
- Medicaid Integration Tracker
- National I&R Support Center
- National Core Indicators – Aging and Disabilities
- Managed Long-Term Services and Supports
- MIPPA Outreach
In 1990, the AoA launched its two-pronged National I&R/A Initiative

**Eldercare Locator**

A national 800 number to provide consumer access to aging information resources nationwide

**National Aging I&R/A Support Center**

Its purpose is to enhance the quality of state and local I&R/A services.
The I&R Support Center provides training, technical assistance, and information resources to build capacity and promote continuing development of aging and disability information and referral services nationwide.

- Technical Assistance Webinars
- Training: Online training; AIRS certification training; and train-the-trainer
- Distribution list for sharing information and resources (to sign up, visit http://www.nasuad.org/community-opportunities/stay-informed)
- Every other year survey of the Aging and Disability I&R/A Networks
- Coordinate the Aging and Disability track of the annual AIRS Conference

http://nasuad.org/initiatives/national-information-referral-support-center
Certification Training (CIRS-A; soon CIRS-A/D) and Exam Preparation
- Offered every year at one or more national conferences
  - 2015 NASUAD National Home and Community-Based Services conference
- Offered in partnership with aging/disability agencies
  - In-person for groups of 15 or larger
  - Can include exam proctoring

CIRS-A Train-the-Trainer (T-t-T) Initiative
- Working to build the CIRS-A trainer network
- Offered at national conferences and over the phone to interested parties
- Listserv for trainers through NASUAD

Online training through NASUADiQ
Online training modules include courses on:

1. I&R/A Services and the Aging Network
2. Developing Cultural Competence to Serve a Diverse Aging Population
3. Essential Components of the Aging I&R/A Process
4. Key Programs and Services for Older Adults
5. Introduction to Independent Living Movement
6. Housing for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities
7. CMS Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Taxonomy
8. Medicare and Medicaid 101
9. Affordable Care Act

NASUAD IQ Online Learning Center

Available courses

Affordable Housing for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

Affordable housing is a basic human need that many older adults and people with disabilities struggle to find and keep. This NASUAD curriculum is designed to give an overview of the types of affordable housing that are available to older adults and people with disabilities, and was written in association with Leading Age, an organization that focuses on advocacy, education and applied research for various services, supports and housing solutions for seniors, children and people with special needs.

CMS Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
Monthly Webinars

Recent webinars:

- November 2014: Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Regulation
- August 2014: Person-Centered Planning
- July 2014: Medicare Savings Options for Low-Income Beneficiaries: Available Programs and Referral Resources
- June 2014: Exploring Assistive Technology for Aging Well: Tracking Trends & Transferring Knowledge
- May 2014: Introduction to LGBT Aging
- April 2014: 2-1-1s and Aging and Disability Resource Centers: Partnership Successes and Challenges

Survey of I&R Specialists in Aging and Disability Networks:

• Survey conducted every other year
• Next survey to be released in 2015
• Coordinate with leads in each state to ensure participation across the U.S.
• Working with the National Council on Independent Living to encompass CIL perspective
2013 Survey: Key Themes

- Aging and disability networks continue to integrate
- The use of technology in aging and disability I&R/A service delivery is slow to develop
- The role of I&R/A organizations is expanding
- There are opportunities for improved coordination and quality service delivery

Available at http://www.nasuad.org/initiatives/information-and-referralassistance/resources
Survey of I&R Support Center users, conducted spring 2014. Top 10 issues identified by respondents as affecting their I&R/A organization:

- Funding (by far!)
- Limited resources
- Partnerships
- Change
- Staffing
- Housing
- Data collection
- Disability population
- Transportation
- Mental health
The New CIRS-A/D

Coming March 16, 2015!
Job Task Analysis with aging and disability professionals to analyze work of I&R specialists (October/November 2013)

Findings were validated based on a survey of CIRS-A certified specialists.

Overwhelming support for having a single certification that covers work of I&R specialists serving older adults and persons with disabilities

Development of new exams for the new credential

2014 ABCs of I&R guide has a new chapter focused on disability services

New CIRS-A/D credential will “go live” on March 16, 2015
Grandfathering CIRS-A holders to new CIRS-A/D certification

- In partnership with AIRS, NASUAD will offer a free, online disability training module to all CIRS-A holders through NASUADiQ.
- The training will conclude with a self-administered, online quiz (can be retaken without penalty).
- The course/quiz may be taken at any time from when available until a CIRS-A holder’s existing date of recertification.
- Upon confirmation of course/quiz completion, a CIRS-A holder could use the designation of CIRS-A/D.
- CIRS-A holders will receive their full CIRS-A/D Certificate from AIRS at recertification at their existing renewal date.
Join our distribution list!
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Also stay informed by subscribing to:

- Friday Update
- State Medicaid Integration Tracker
Free weekly e-newsletter

National and state updates on a broad range of topics pertaining to aging and disability policy and services

Over 4,500 recipients

From NASUAD

Call for Sessions Due April 14 for 30th Annual HCBS Conference
The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is holding the 30th Annual National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference from September 15-18, 2014 in Arlington, VA. The conference offers a blend of policy, program and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community-based waivers and services for all ages and abilities. Last year's conference had a strong presence from the agencies of the US Department of Health and Human Services including Administration for Community Living (ACL) and Administration on Aging (AoA). The deadline to submit proposals for workshops is April 14, 2014. Click here to submit proposals for workshops.

From the Administration

Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services

February 2014 Medicaid Enrollment Report
On April 4, 2014, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare
More resources: MIPPA Outreach Materials

In collaboration with professionals in the aging and disabilities network, NASUAD developed outreach materials to promote Medicare low-income subsidies to beneficiaries with disabilities:

- Three posters to educate Medicare beneficiaries with disabilities about subsidies that may help them save on Medicare costs.
- A Tip Sheet for outreach professionals to use as a quick reference tool about Medicare low-income subsidies and referral resources.

Get HELP with your MEDICARE COSTS!

A Medicare Savings Program may help with some of your Medicare costs.

FOR ASSISTANCE, CALL:
Available MEDICARE SAVINGS:

If you are low-income, a Medicare Savings Program may help with some of your Medicare costs.

If your monthly income is close to the limits listed below, a Medicare Savings Program may help you.

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If you are a working person with a disability and your monthly income is close to the limits listed below, the Qualified Disabled Working Individuals Medicare Savings Program may help you.

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Current as of August 2014
I’m working again, but I still can’t afford my Medicare costs... Is there any help out there for me?

YES! If you are a working person with a disability under 65 and on Medicare, the Qualified Disabled Working Individuals Program (QDWI) may help you!

QDWI is a Medicare Savings Program that may help pay some Medicare costs for low-income working individuals with a disability.

If you are single with a monthly income of about $4,000 (or married with a combined monthly income of about $5,300), this program may help you.*

*Income limits vary by state.

For assistance, call:

Current as of August 2014
HCBS.org is the premier clearinghouse promoting the development and expansion of home and community-based services by gathering resources and tools for research, policy making and program development into a one-stop online library.

Welcome to the HCBS Clearinghouse

Default is for ALL words you enter. If you want ANY of the words, place an OR between each of your terms. For exact phrase “put quotes around search terms”

Search Terms

Quick search
Managed Long-Term Services and Supports

- Joint initiative between NASUAD, n4a, and ACL
- Provides technical assistance and support to states on the development of MLTSS, including:
  - Promising practices for contracting
  - Performance measurement
  - Inclusion of aging and disability network providers in MCO networks
- Provides technical support to the aging and disability network on:
  - Contracting with MCO plans
  - Developing business acumen
  - Demonstrating outcomes and cost effectiveness
National Core Indicators
Aging and Disabilities

- Joint initiative of NASUAD and Human Services Research Institute
- Survey instrument focused on the performance of publicly-funded aging and disability programs.
- Measures how services impact the quality of life and outcomes of service participants.
- Gathers information directly from service participants through face-to-face interviews.
- Full expansion to 12-15 additional states begins June 1, 2015
2015 National HCBS Conference

Save the Date!

http://www.nasuada.org/hcbs-conference
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