

**Nanette Relave**  
**Senior Director of the National Information and Referral Support  
Center**

Nanette Relave serves as the Senior Director of the National Information and Referral Support Center administered by Advancing States (formerly NASUAD). 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. In this capacity, Ms. Relave provides technical assistance to aging and disability information and referral/assistance (I&R/A) agencies, provides I&R basic and AIRS certification training to I&R specialists, develops training materials to improve the quality of I&R/A services, supports agencies' efforts to develop I&R/A systems at the community and state levels, and coordinates workshops, intensives, and other events at Advancing States and partner conferences.

Previously, Ms. Relave served as the Director of the Center for Workers with Disabilities (CWD) at the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), a project designed to support state efforts to develop work incentives and strengthen programs serving people with disabilities. In this role, Ms. Relave provided technical assistance to states, and facilitated peer-to-peer exchange on: Medicaid Buy-In programs, employment supports for individuals with disabilities, and implementation of state Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) projects. During her time at APHSA, Ms. Relave also contributed to all aspects of designing and implementing the consortium-led and federally-funded National Technical Assistance and Research Center to Promote Leadership for Increasing the Employment and Economic Independence of Adults with Disabilities, and directed the Center's State Peer Leaders Network.

Prior to joining APHSA, Ms. Relave worked at The Finance Project, where she focused on

workforce development for low-income individuals, welfare reform, and youth development. She is the author of numerous publications on these issues, and has written extensively on financial programming strategies. Ms. Relave holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from the Catholic University of America, and a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Georgetown University. Her MSW field practicum work included placements with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (MCDHHS) and the National Council on Aging (NCOA). At MCDHHS, Ms. Relave worked with a multidisciplinary team from the agency's Long-Term Care and Adult Protective Services divisions to provide case management to clients and family caregivers. She assessed needs and environmental supports through home visits, and developed and implemented plans of care. At NCOA, Ms. Relave provided support to Senior Community Service Employment Program centers on programmatic and legislative issues.