

LTSS Subcommittee Report

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Brain Health As You Age:
**You Can Make
a Difference!**



- Brain Health Resource made available online June 25 with press releases from each collaborating agency. http://www.acl.gov/Get_Help/BrainHealth/Index.aspx
- ACL, NIA, and CDC are all doing active outreach through their networks.
- Outreach is underway with the Aging, Public Health and Research networks through newsletters, partnerships, presentations etc.

NIA, CMS & VA Resources for Caregivers

- [Long-Distance Caregiving: Getting Started](#) and [Long-Distance Caregiving: A Family Affair](#), two new online-only tip sheets from NIA, offer helpful tips about:
 - Supporting an aging family member or friend when you don't live nearby
 - Relieving responsibilities of a local caregiver
 - Working with your family to assign tasks based on each other's strengths
- CMS Caregiver website addressing multiple planning and resource issues at: <http://www.medicare.gov/campaigns/caregiver/caregiver.html>
- VA Caregiver Support Website www.caregiver.va.gov & VA Caregiver Support Line: 1-855-260-3274
 - Additional resources include in-person classes, workbooks, online classes; as well as mechanisms to train VA healthcare professionals to provide caregiver support in person and via telephone and other telehealth modalities.

AHRQ & HRSA Grants

- 5-year demonstration study of “e-Neighbor” a home-based sensor-based technology for persons with ADRD. Study will look at impact on caregiver quality of life, outcomes of persons with ADRD, and s health services utilization.
- Small research grant to study cultural and health system barriers and facilitators of help-seeking intentions of Korean--American caregivers of persons with ADRD.
- HRSA's New Jersey Geriatric Education Center will expand and modify the dementia modules they developed for the state for the national ADRC network.

ACL Opportunities

- ADSSP grants to states for dementia capability application period closed June 11 and applications are being reviewed. Awards will occur around September 1.
- ADI-SSS Funding Opportunity Announcement is available as of July 7 and applications are due on August 6. Opportunity available at: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=258996> Designed to fill gaps in dementia-capable long term services and supports.
 - Provision of effective supportive services to persons living alone with ADRD in the community.
 - Improvement of the quality and effectiveness of programs and services dedicated to individuals aging with intellectual and developmental disabilities with ADRD or those at high risk of developing ADRD.
 - Delivery of behavioral symptom management training and expert consultation for family caregivers.

ACL Opportunities (cont)

- Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Program funding for States and Federally Recognized Tribes and Tribal Organizations designed to:
 - Increase the number of older adults, American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian elders, and adults with disabilities at risk for falls participating in evidence-based community programs to reduce falls and falls risk;
 - Increase sustainability of these programs through innovative financing arrangements.
 - Target Population: older adults, people with disabilities at risk for falls, and their caregivers residing in the community, home-bound and/or in care settings.
 - Applications were due July 8.
- Three ADSSP webinars:
 - Elder Abuse and Neglect of Persons with Dementia- What We Know and Where We Are Going
 - Preferences for Care and Lifestyle as Expressed by Persons with Dementia.
 - Strategies for Reaching Diverse Populations with Dementia

REACH VA into Indian Country

- Successful pilot with Public Health Nurses / Community Health Nurses in 3 Tribal Communities (two IHS direct and one Tribal)
- Will be introduced to Tribal Aging Network at **AoA Title VI Training & Technical Assistance Conference** with training in the model – August 18.
- Partnership with the Univ of TN in grant proposal to private foundation for adaptation and expansion to 50 Tribal communities (pending).