



Utah Aging & Disability Resource Connection Newsletter

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"This month and throughout the year, let the quiet perseverance of our family caregivers remind us of the decency and kindness to which we can all aspire."
-Barack Obama

News and Events

Tri-County Independent Living Center (ILC) serving Davis, Morgan and Weber Counties, and Salt Lake County Area Agency on Aging serving Salt Lake County have been approved to become ADRC pilot sites. Over two-thirds of the state will now be covered by ADRC long-term care services and supports.

AoA Invites you to Share Your OAA Story

For more than 40 years, Older Americans Act (OAA) programs, funded by the Administration on Aging (AoA), have been provided in nearly every community in America. These services have made a difference in the health and lives of millions of older Americans. AoA would like to hear how these programs have made a difference in your lives, as well as those of your family members or friends, or in the lives of the people you work with or serve. Accordingly, AoA is inviting the public to share their experiences with the public. To submit your story, please go to [AoA's website](#).

HUD Issues Olmstead Guidance

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity issued guidance to its regional and field offices regarding enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, particularly the Olmstead decision. According to the memo, "the Department has prioritized efforts to support the transition of people with disabilities out of institutions and into community-based settings."

The memo provides guidance on upholding the ADA and the Olmstead decision, and monitoring and conducting compliance reviews. The guidance can be found [here](#).

President Obama Declares November 2011 National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

November 1, 2011 On Tuesday, President Obama issued a proclamation declaring November 2011 to be National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, noting that "For millions of Americans, the heartbreak of watching a loved one struggle with Alzheimer's disease is a pain they know all too well. Alzheimer's disease burdens an increasing number of our Nation's elders and their families, and it is essential that we confront the challenge it poses to our public health. During National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, we stand united in our commitment to improve care for Alzheimer's patients, identify new therapies for the disease, and support all those whose lives have been touched by this tragic ailment." See the full proclamation [here](#).

National Memory Screening Day

NASUAD is supporting National Memory Screening Day (NMSD) on **November 15**, an annual initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) in which qualified healthcare professionals will provide confidential screenings and educational materials about memory problems, caregiving and successful aging at community sites from coast to coast.

NMSD is the focal point of AFA's year-round efforts to raise awareness of the need for early detection of memory problems, including Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. According to AFA's "Memory Matters" report, at least half of the cases of mild and moderate dementia go undetected by physicians, and early diagnosis enables individuals with the disease to obtain appropriate medical treatment and behavioral management interventions, be more involved in long-term planning, and obtain social services support for themselves and their families. This year's event marks the ninth year that the Alzheimer's Foundation of America is holding NMSD; in 2010, over 2,300 organizations participated nationwide and an estimated 60,000+ people were screened.

Here's how you can help: host a screening site, offer to be a screener, encourage people with memory concerns to be screened, post a Web banner about the event, spread the word. Please visit www.nationalmemoryscreening.org or call 866-AFA-8484 for more information.

The National Council on Independent Living CIL-NET presents: Exploring ADRC Partnership for Centers for Independent Living, a National Teleconference & Webinar **November 30, 2011** from 1:00 - 2:30 pm MST. Click [here](#) for more information.

Utah's ADRC can help you find the information you need to access community resources and services for seniors and persons with disabilities of all ages. To learn more about the ADRC, visit our [website!](#)

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