



May 2014 Utah ADRC Quarterly Newsletter

Funding Opportunity Announcement

The U.S. Administration for Community Living, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Veterans Health Administration have developed this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to assist states in the planning of a No Wrong Door (NWD) System that will make it easier for all populations in need of LTSS to learn about and access the services and supports they need "Transforming State LTSS Access Programs and Functions Into a No Wrong Door System for All Populations and Payers." The application is due on July 15th, and awards will be offered in September.

The announcement can be viewed at: http://www.acl.gov/Funding_Opportunities/Announcements/Index.aspx

ADRC VA Project Updates

In April, 40+ ADRC staff participated in person for a VHA training on program enrollment and eligibility. Christopher Scott of the VA provided a vast amount of information and resources for staff, in order to assist their Veteran clients in understand the programs and services they may be eligible for.

The ADRC VA Options Counseling for Rural Veterans Project has been underway for a full year, realizing great success in serving our Veterans across the state. The ADRC sites involved in the VA Project are: Bear River AAA, Mountainland AAA, Salt Lake County AAA, and as of October 2013, Active Re-Entry CIL. Beginning April 2014, Five County AOG will also participate in the project.

Currently, five of our ADRC staff: Joey Allred, Deborah Crowther, Melanie Haws, Stephanie Herrig and Rachel Stoddard have all passed their VA TRIP Training (Training, Response, Involvement, Preparation of Claims) and are studying for the exam to become accredited Veteran Service Officers (VSO).

Veteran Data: April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

Vets Served: 338
 95% were over the age of 60
 3% were under the age of 60
 2% were age unknown
 46% were referred to VHA Healthcare
 44% were referred for Aid & Attendance
 36% were referred for Pension
 22% were referred for Nursing Home Care

Beloved Music Can Renew Lives Lost to Dementia

The Utah Commission on Aging will coordinate the statewide rollout of MUSIC & MEMORYSM a program which help elders in care facilities suffering from a wide range of cognitive and physical challenges find renewed meaning and connection in their lives through the gift of personalized music. The program trains elder care professionals in how to set up personalized music playlists, delivered on iPods and other digital devices, for those in their care. These musical favorites tap deep memories not lost to dementia and can bring residents and clients back to life, enabling them to feel like themselves again, to converse, socialize and stay present.

The Utah Health Care Association has announced it will implement the program in all 100 nursing homes in the state of Utah, Jewish Family Service has agreed to collect and refurbish iPods, and SkullCandy has donated 1000 pairs of headphones for Utah long-term care recipients. The Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program at the University of Utah has created a practicum for students who will aid in the distribution of iPods to home-bound seniors, and Intermountain Health's Home Care Division has also committed to bring music to patients.

The Utah Commission on Aging will coordinate screenings of the film documenting this memory-care program, *Alive Inside*, with a dissemination campaign aimed to:
 Collect used music players through schools, businesses, libraries, and governmental agencies;

- Deliver iPods to Jewish Family Service for refurbishment;
- Solicit volunteers to work with patients and their families to create customized music programs for Utahns with dementia;
- Document the benefits of the program.

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.musiscandmemory.org>

Upcoming Screenings:

July 22nd @ 7pm- Salt Lake City Library
 August 14th @ 7pm- West Jordan Library (Viridian Center)
 August 21st @ 7pm- Peery Egyptian Theater in Ogden



2nd Annual Elder Abuse Conference June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

In an effort to raise awareness and enhance prevention efforts, Mountainland Department of Aging and

Family Services is partnering with the Provo Police Department, Utah Area Agencies on Aging and other leading community-based organizations to host the 2nd Annual Elder Abuse Conference. The conference will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at the Utah County Convention Center in Provo, Utah. For additional information, please contact the Department of Aging and Family Services at 801-229-3804.

To register online, please click here: <https://www.regonline.com/2014ElderAbuseConf>

SAVE THE DATE: ADRC Annual Conference

We have scheduled a date for our annual ADRC Conference, to be held on **Tuesday, August 26, 2014** at the University of Utah Officer's Club from 8:30am-5pm. An agenda of topics will be finalized sometime in June.

Our conference last year in partnership with the VA was a big success and turnout. We anticipate another great line up of speakers and topics.

12th Annual Rocky Mountain Geriatrics Conference September 15-16th at the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort "Unlocking Doors Across the Long Term Services and Support Spectrum"

The focus of this year's conference is to educate multidisciplinary attendees about the need to develop a longitudinally shared patient centered care plan, including appropriate strategies for post-acute care, skilled nursing facilities and discharge planning, while meeting the needs of educating and supporting families and caregivers. For more information or to register please visit the website:

http://medicine.utah.edu/internalmedicine/geriatrics/conferences/rm_conference/

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