Building the No Wrong Door System
CACL serves as the Project Management Entity for NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP), which is aimed at rebalancing Medicaid spending for Long Term Services and Supports toward greater reliance on home and community based services. A major focus of the BIP is to design and implement a “No Wrong Door” system, where individuals who need long-term services and supports can access the information and resources they need regardless of which “door” they enter. CACL assisted the DHHS in hosting the NH Care Path: Opening Doors to Community Long-Term Services and Supports conference on September 26, 2014. Over 350 people attended from various community provider agencies focusing on behavioral health; veterans, military and their families; developmental and intellectual disabilities; and acquired brain injuries. This was a unique opportunity to bring together community providers to focus on improving access to long-term services and supports. Read more about presentations made at the event.

Bringing Active Aging to Life
Since CACL became an educational license holder of the award winning documentary Age of Champions, we have regularly hosted events about what it means to actively age. In addition to showing the film, this year we expanded the event, which was held on September 25th, 2014, to include vendors both from the University and the community as well as members of the surrounding Durham community. Our aim was to give participants every day and information on how to stay active, regardless of physical or mental status. Vendors and students provided sample activities, like learning balancing skills, utilizing a modified recreational bike, nutritional tips and more. We received excellent suggestions on how to improve the event. We
CACL Launches Community Care Coordinator Certificate

CACL partnered with the Thompson School of Applied Science to develop a community care coordinator certificate that fits an identified niche. Through research, CACL and the Thompson School recognized the need for a program that would help further develop skills for those working in community service settings. These professionals need specialized skills to bridge the gap between medical and social services. The certificate program includes courses that focus on areas like health benefits, transportation needs, set-up of in-home care, coordination of informal supports, assistance with activities of daily living, and hospital to home transitions. The flexible program is geared toward non-traditional students from various educational backgrounds. Students can opt to take one or all the courses based on interest and need. Learn more

Connecting Students to the Community

CACL has a history of welcoming and engaging students in hands-on experience in the long-term care and aging field. This year CACL has several interns and students working on various projects. Shikara Thody is CACL’s 2014 – 2015 second year master of social work intern. She will be working on the Balancing Incentive Program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center grants. Aly Calef, an undergraduate in her senior year, received the Theo-Steelman Scholarship this past summer to focus on end of life and palliative care. Aly presented some of her work on advanced directives at the Age of Champions event. Additionally, CACL has taken on the responsibility of acting as a preceptor site for six Public Health Nursing Students. Under the guidance of CACL, these students will conduct accessibility assessments of local community organizations. Specifically, the students will look at the ease of physical access to and within these facilities (i.e. wheelchair accessibility, ramps, bathroom access etc.). Read about CACL’s University Engagement

Items of Interest:

The Thin Edge of Dignity is a compelling documentary developed by former professor, Dick Weinman, who shares his perspective as an assisted living resident. He discusses opportunities to increase person-centeredness.

Many Medicare beneficiaries treated at primarily rural “critical access” hospitals end up paying between two and six times more for outpatient services than do...
patients at other hospitals. Read the full article here

Designed specifically for advocates for older adults, the National Council on Aging’s website contains important tool kits, up-to-date information regarding important legislation, and next steps for those who want to get involved

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Medicare and the Marketplace is a new document from CMS. It contains valuable information on the intersection of Medicare and the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Chart Book is a report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP). The Chart Book provides important background information about Social Security Disability Insurance. DI provides modest but vital benefits to workers who can no longer support themselves on account of a serious and long-lasting medical impairment.

Upcoming Events:

Certified Eden Associate Training hosted by Granite Ledges of Concord and NH Culture Change Coalition from October 22 to the 24th – Register Here

LNA 3-Day Geriatric Boot Camp hosted by the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH on November 5, 12, & 19, 2014 - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Registration and More Information

Survival Skills for Facilitators hosted by the Southern New Hampshire Area Education Center on November 6, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register here

The Genius of Marian: Reception and Film Screening hosted by the Dartmouth Centers for Health and Aging on Thursday, November 13 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm (lunch included) Register Here

Embracing Analytics and the Cloud hosted by the Southern New Hampshire Area Education Center on November 14, 2014 Register Here

Motivational Interviewing hosted by Dartmouth-Hitchcock on December 4 & 5, 2014 (must attend both days) from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in Lebanon, NH - Register Here