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NACDD ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF ADMINISTRATION ON COMMUNITY LIVING FUNDED COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE 5 STATES ON BRIDGING THE AGING AND DISABILITY NETWORKS

That National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) is proud to announce its first five State grantees in a national Community of Practice that will bridge the gap between the disability and aging communities. The States that have been selected include New Jersey; Connecticut; Washington, DC; Florida; and Hawaii. The States were chosen through a competitive grant application process. These are the first five of 15 States that will ultimately be chosen to complete the make-up of the five-year long Community of Practice. The Bridging Aging and Disability Networks grant is funded by the Administration on Community Living (ACL) at the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

The goal of the Bridging Aging and Disability Networks grants will be to strengthen collaboration in the States between aging and disability programs. This will be done through building coordinated services that address care needs of both aging caregivers and individuals with disabilities. Grantees will also plan, sustain, and replicate emerging policies that support the unique needs of individuals with disabilities and their families that can be replicated across the States and Territories. The grants allow States to choose innovative approaches to reaching the goals of the grant project.