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## NASUAD & HSRI Release NCI-AD Report and Launch New Website

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The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) in collaboration with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) today released the results from a six-state deployment of the National Core Indicators – Aging and Disabilities (NCI-AD™) adult consumer survey. While 13 states are participating in the NCI-AD survey in 2016, six of the states - Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey, and North Carolina- opted for a rapid-cycle survey period in order to receive their results more quickly. A report with data from all 13 states – including Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas - will be released in winter 2017.

The NCI-AD project’s primary aim is to collect and maintain valid and reliable data that give states a broad view of how their publicly-funded long term services and supports (LTSS) impact the quality of life and outcomes of service participants. NCI-AD brings an important value proposition to the field of aging and disability services through development of indicators and outcomes that assess quality of life, community integration, and person-centered services. The project will help to address long-recognized gaps in assessing outcomes in long term services and supports (LTSS) service systems that go beyond measures of health and safety to address important social, community, and person-centered goals as well as quality of life.

Data for the project is gathered through yearly in-person consumer surveys administered by state agencies to a sample of at least 400 individuals, which includes older adults and adults with physical disabilities – including those with Acquired or Traumatic Brain Injury – accessing publicly-funded services through Medicaid (both HCBS waiver and state plan services as well as nursing facilities), state-funded programs, and older adults served by Older Americans Act programs. The survey measures consumer outcomes in the following domains: community participation, rights and respect, choice and decision making, health care, relationships, medications, satisfaction, safety and wellness, service and care coordination, everyday living and affordability, access, planning for the future, self-direction of care, control, and work/employment.

“Our members have been searching for a tool like this for a long time,” said Martha Roherty, NASUAD Executive Director. “We commend them for taking the initiative to measure and improve the quality of life of seniors and adults with physical disabilities they serve across their LTSS system.

View the full report [here](#).

NASUAD and HSRI also launched a new website dedicated to the NCI-AD project. [NCI-AD.org](#) is a repository of information, reports and data about the NCI-AD project, and includes profiles of each participating state, overview materials and published reports. As state data is finalized, they will be published on the site as well.

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**The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD)** represents the nation’s 56 state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities and supports visionary state leadership, the advancement of state systems innovation and the articulation of national policies that support home and community based services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. NASUAD’s members oversee the implementation of the Older Americans Act, and many also function as the operating agency in their state for Medicaid waivers that serve older adults and individuals with disabilities. Together with its members, the mission of the organization is to design, improve, and sustain state systems delivering home and community based services and supports for people who are older or have a disability, and their caregivers.

**Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)** is a nonprofit corporation formed in 1976. During the past four decades, HSRI has made significant contributions in the fields of intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance use and prevention, mental health and child and family services. HSRI has been a leader in conducting quality evaluations of local, state, and federal long term care and social service programs, and these efforts have resulted in significant policy reform. HSRI has extensive experience in many policy areas including family support; quality assurance; performance measurement; deinstitutionalization; housing; home and community services design; reform and financing; and support for self-advocacy. HSRI works to support public managers to reform long term services and supports; facilitate the involvement of people with disabilities, lived experience and family members in shaping policy; and to improve the capacity of services systems through research, performance measurement and evaluation.