### National Disability Navigator RESOURCE COLLABORATIVE

#### NDNRC Community Outreach Collaboratives: Using Local Disability Organizations for Outreach during Open Enrollment

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The mission of AAHD is to advance health promotion and wellness initiatives for children and adults with disabilities.



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### What is the NDNRC?

The National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC) is an initiative of national cross-disability organizations in order to provide disability information and support to navigators and other enrollment specialists as they assist consumers with enrollment through the Affordable Care Act insurance marketplaces.

### Who is the NDNRC?

### **NDNRC** Partners

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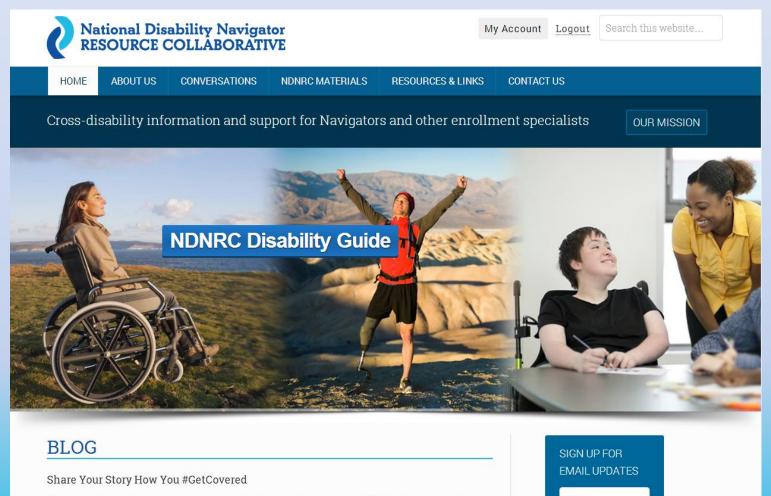
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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC) is to provide cross-disability information and support to Navigators and other enrollment specialists thereby ensuring people with disabilities receive accurate information when selecting and enrolling in insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces.

## NDNRC Home Page

#### www.nationaldisabilitynavigator.org



Yesterday in our "News to Use," we posted a link to a CMS tool where individuals can submit

## NDNRC Home Page

#### FOLLOW US

Including Young Children with Disabilities in High-Quality Early Childhood Programs http://t.co/5yYA6ypdMl 08:50:07 PM May 21, 2015

Check out this week's <u>@ndnrc</u> newsletter which includes resources to assist with ACA enrollment: <u>http://t.co/yFzQRka63e</u> 10:30:35 AM May 15, 2015

Follow us TODAY to get access to an exusive interview with our AAHD director!!! 08:00:34 PM May 14, 2015

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#### RESOURCES

Enrollment: Disability Specific

Enrollment: Mental & Behavioral Health

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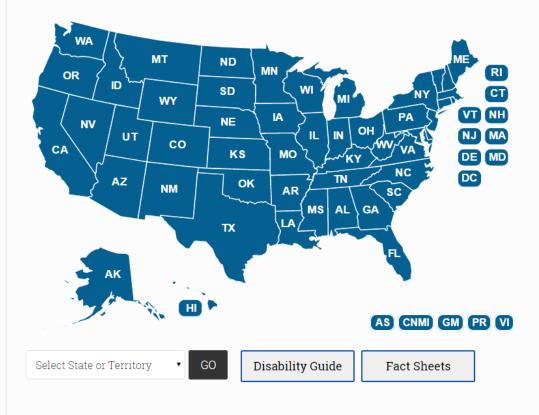
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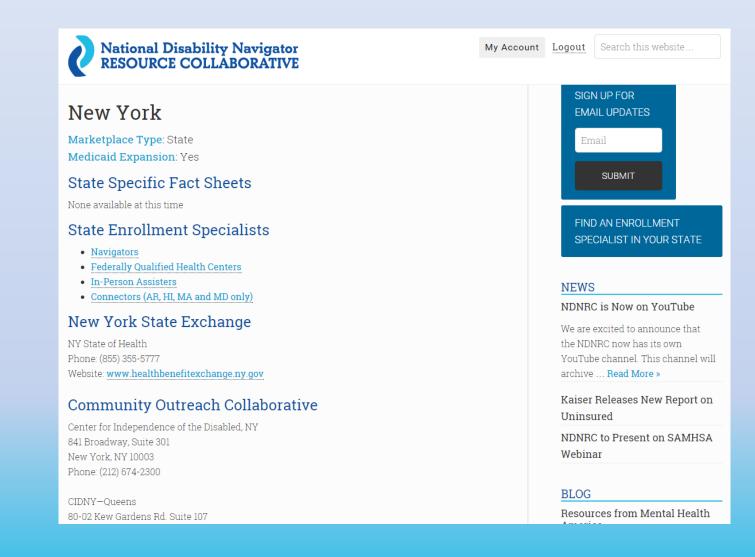
Enrollment: Overview

#### STATE RESOURCE GUIDE

Click on a state to view resource information.



## State Pages



### Resources & Links

### CATEGORIES

- Enrollment Resources Disability Specific
- Enrollment Resources Mental Health and Behavioral Health
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### **Disability Guide**



#### GUIDE TO DISABILITY

for Healthcare Insurance Marketplace Navigators



PRESENTED BY: The American Association on Health and Disability



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## **Disability Guide**

### Table of Contents

- Introduction
- What Are the Purposes of the Supplemental Disability Guide?
- Key Questions for Navigators
- Who Are People with Disabilities?
- What Problems and Barriers Have People with Disabilities Historically Encountered Obtaining Healthcare Insurance?
- How Do Disability Rights Laws Affect the Operation of the Marketplace?
- What Do Navigators Need to Know about Disability?
- How Is Medicaid Eligibility Being Determined for People with Disabilities?
- Scenarios
- What Types of Accommodations Should Navigators Know about?
- NDNRC Fact Sheets
- Resources
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## **Disability Guide**

#### What Do Navigators Need to Know about Disability?

- How Is Disability Defined?
- What Disability Questions Appear on the Streamlined Application for Health Insurance or Medicaid Submitted through the Marketplace?
- Why Is Understanding Disability Important?
- What Is Disability Literacy?
- What Is Disability Etiquette?
- What Is Physical Accessibility?
- How Could Navigators Ensure Effective Communication with People with Disabilities?
- How Can Navigators Assist People with Disabilities Evaluate the Adequacy of Provider Networks within Specific Plans?
- How Can Navigators Assist People with Disabilities Evaluate the Adequacy of Essential Health Benefits (EHBs)?

## **Topical Fact Sheets**

- 1. Comparing Health Plans' Benefits and Coverage Summaries
- 2. Getting and Using Health Plan Evidence of Coverage
- 3. Using Health Plan Customer Service
- 4. Rehabilitation and Habilitation Services and Devices
- 5. Prescription Medication Benefits
- 6. Supporting Collaborations Between Navigators, Connectors and Assisters, and Local Disability and Affinity Organizations
- 7. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Parity
- 8. Medically Frail Status as an Exemption to Receiving Medicaid Alternative Benefit Plan with Essential Health Benefits
- 9. Streamlined Marketplace Application Process

## **Topical Fact Sheets**

- 10. Medical Supplies Benefits
- 11. Civil Rights of People with Disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act
- 12. Process for Medicaid Eligibility
- 13. Referral and Resource Lists
- 14. Information for People on Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Waiting Lists
- 15. Medicaid Buy-In
- 16. Moving from Coverage-to-Care for People with Disabilities
- 17. Disability Etiquette

## Fact Sheets

### **POPULATION SPECIFIC**

What to Know When Assisting a Consumer with:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Blood Disorders \*
- Child with Special Health Care Needs
- Intellectual Disability
- Mental Illness
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Spina Bifida \*
- Traumatic Brain Injury \*
- Information for Veterans Regarding Department of Veterans Affairs Healthcare

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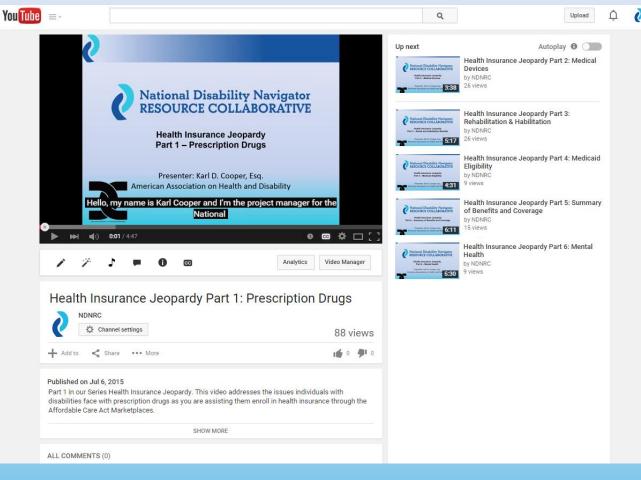
Paralysis\*

\* - new for OE3





Health Insurance Jeopardy is on YouTube!!!



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZzm0pWC6ZeN\_6jg9ci2JCQ

### **Community Outreach Collaboratives**





### Year 2 COCs

- 1. Rhode Island Parent Information Network, Cranston, RI
- 2. Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY, New York, NY
- 3. NAMI Southwest Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA
- 4. Lakeshore Foundation, Birmingham, AL
- 5. Family Voices Indiana, Indianapolis, IN
- 6. Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 7. University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability, Albuquerque, NM
- 8. NAMI Kansas, Topeka, KS
- 9. Family Voices Colorado, Centennial, CO
- 10. North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University in partnership with Family Voices of North Dakota, Minot, ND
- 11. PAVE Family to Family Health Information Center, Tacoma, WA



### Year 3 COCs

- 12. National Multiple Sclerosis Society North Florida, Jacksonville, FL
- Bayou Land Families Helping Families, Thibodaux, LA
- 14. NAMI Texas, Austin, TX
- 15. Texas Parent to Parent, Austin, TX
- 16. The University of Montana Rural Institute, Missoula, MT
- 17. Raising Special Kids, Phoenix, AZ
- 18. Family TIES of Nevada, Reno, NV

http://www.nationaldisabilitynavigator.org/about/community-outreach-collaboratives/



**Ongoing Contact with Navigators and Assisters** 

**Participation in the Cover Kansas Coalition** 

**Social Media Posts Promoting Enrollment** 

**Outreach to Key Health & Disability Organizations** 

## COCs – Kansas Experience

#### **Outreach to Key Health & Disability Organizations**

Family Voices and NAMI affiliates Federation of Families affiliates ILCs IDD Service Providers and Advocacy Organizations Autism Service Providers Learning Disabilities Association Mental Health and Addiction Providers University-Based Disability Research & Training Offices **Medical Society Public Health Association Assistive Technology Specialists** 

### COCs – Kansas Experience

#### **Outreach to Key Health & Disability Organizations**

**Consumer Run Organizations** Protection and Advocacy Agency Attendant Care Workers Association Pharmacists Association Home Care Providers Association Easter Seals **Cerebral Palsy** State Independent Living Council **State Council of Development Disabilities TBI Service Providers and Advocates Deaf & Hard of Hearing Providers and Advocates** 

# COCs – Kansas Experience

#### **Outreach to Key Health & Disability Organizations**

Blind and Visually Impaired Providers and Advocates Safety Net or Free Clinics Primary Care Association ARC Hospital Association

### COCs – Indiana Experience

- Family to Family Health Information Centers
- Resources for families raising children with special health care needs ages 0-21
- National connections to other SAO's and F2FHIC's
- Linkages with other state disability organizations
- Collaboration with 211
- Outreach and training for Navigators

### **Ongoing Challenges**

- 1. Limited provider networks
- 2. Limited formularies
- 3. Discriminatory pharmacy design
- 4. Plan transparency
- 5. High out-of-pocket costs
- Confusion on the definition of "rehabilitation" and "habilitation" services and supports
- Confusion on the coverage of prosthetic devices and durable medical equipment
- 8. Confusion about coordinating exchange coverage with Medicare and Medicaid
- 9. Delays in getting plan information once they are enrolled
- 10. Communication Issues for deaf and hard of hearing



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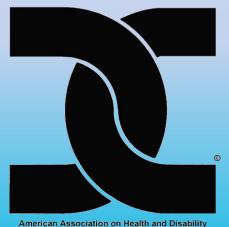
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- Sign up for AAHD's newsletter: <u>http://www.aahd.us/contact/</u>
- Check out AAHD's Resource Center: <u>http://www.aahd.us/resource-center/</u>



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