



Disability Network Business Acumen Learning Collaborative

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is pleased to announce the five state teams selected for participation in the Disability Network Business Acumen Learning Collaborative. This effort is led by NASUAD in partnership with nine national organizations¹.

Each of the five state teams includes at least one state agency and community-based organizations (CBO²) serving persons with disabilities (physical, intellectual and/or developmental). Most also include an integrated healthcare entity or other organization dedicated to the sustainability of CBOs serving people with disabilities. **The five State teams represent Maryland, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York and Texas.**

These teams will work together to develop and implement business-related strategies to state-specific challenges to integrating long term services and supports and healthcare services. Collectively, these teams will share what they learn from their efforts including promising practices that can be used to help other CBOs enhance their current business relationships and diversify their business portfolios. The learning collaborative will launch at the 2017 HCBS Conference being held in Baltimore, MD, August 27 – 31.

To learn more about the resources and opportunities available through the Business Acumen Center, please visit the [Business Acumen Center](#). To learn more about the 2017 HCBS Conference, please visit www.hcbsconference.org.

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² CBO is a broad term to describe local organizations that offer community living services and supports to advance the health, well-being, independence, and community participation of people with disabilities and older adults. CBOs include Centers for Independent Living, developmental disability organizations, University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research & Service, behavioral health organizations, Protection and Advocacy Agencies, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Area Agencies on Aging, aging services organizations, faith-based organizations, Native American tribal organizations (American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian), nutrition program providers and other local service providers for persons with disabilities and/or older adults.

