



# THE VOICE

The e-newsletter of National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care

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## Call for Session Proposals for the 2019 Consumer Voice Conference

Consumer Voice is seeking proposals for concurrent sessions at the 2019 Consumer Voice Annual Conference, November 3-6, 2019 in Arlington, VA.

We are looking for proposals that create an engaging, informative conference agenda and provide resources, tools, and strategies our attendees can incorporate in their life and/or advocacy. This year's conference theme is Stand for Quality. Proposals should include:

- Concrete advocacy strategies,
- Examples of advocacy and/or educational programs for individuals or systems advocacy,
- Issues related to nursing homes, assisted living, and/or home and community based services,
- Opportunities for discussion, questions, and/or sharing of advocacy successes and challenges related to the topic, and
- Information attendees can use in their daily life or work to improve the quality of long-term care.

All proposals must be submitted using Survey Monkey. **Proposals are due by March 15, 2019.** Late or incomplete proposals will not be considered.

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### Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, January 16:** [Signs of Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation](#), 2:00pm ET, Free

There are 2 easy steps to submit a proposal!

1. Review the [Call for Proposals and Presenter Requirements](#).
2. Submit your proposal via [SurveyMonkey](#). Visit this link to submit your proposal: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LFP3SVP>.  
NOTE: You will not be able to save incomplete submissions in SurveyMonkey, so you may want to review and print or save the [PDF version](#) of the proposal questions so you can plan your responses prior to starting the submission.

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## New National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems

The Administration for Community Living and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have launched the National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems (NCAPPS). "The goal of NCAPPS is to promote systems change that makes person-centered principles not just an aspiration, but a reality in the lives of people who require services and supports across the lifespan," according to the [overview document](#) on the new Center. The NCAPPS will help states, tribes and territories change their long-term care service and support systems to implement U.S. Department of Health and Human Services policy on person-centered practices. The NCAPPS will provide technical assistance, promote best practices, host webinars, and create a national clearinghouse of person-centered resources.

States, tribes and territories are invited to apply for technical assistance. Applications are available [here](#) and are due by February 12, 2019. Send completed applications to [NCAPPS@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:NCAPPS@acl.hhs.gov).

To learn more about the NCAPPS, join the webinar on Tuesday, January 29 at 3:00pm ET. Register [here](#).

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webcast from the National Center on Law & Elder Rights

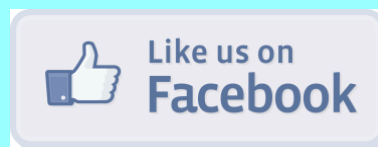
**Thursday, January 24:** [All Cause Harm Prevention in Nursing Homes: Applying Strategies from the New CMS Change Package](#), 3:00pm ET, Webinar from CMS and the Quality Innovation Network National Coordinating Center

**Tuesday, January 29:** [NCAPPS Kickoff Webinar](#), 3:00pm ET, Overview webinar of the new National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems

**Tuesday, March 12:** Traumatic Brain Injury Stakeholder Day, Hosted by ACL in Washington, DC, RSVP to [NCAPPS@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:NCAPPS@acl.hhs.gov)

**November 3-6, 2019:** Consumer Voice Annual Conference, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Virginia

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Last Week's Most Popular Post:

**Thursday, January 3:**  
[The Federal Trade Commission has been receiving reports about scam calls](#)



## BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act Signed into Law

Just before the close of 2018, the Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act was signed into law. The bipartisan legislation authorizes a major expansion of Alzheimer's public health infrastructure to address the growing challenges of Alzheimer's, dementia, and cognitive impairment. The Act authorizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to establish Alzheimer's Centers for Excellence which will increase education and provide technical assistance for public health departments; funding for state, local and tribal public health departments to implement effective Alzheimer's interventions; and an increase in data collection, analysis and timely reporting on cognitive decline and caregiving related to Alzheimer's.

Visit Alzheimer's Association's [website](#) for more information on the legislation.

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## Join ACL in DC for Traumatic Brain Injury Stakeholder Day

Join the Administration for Community Living (ACL) for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Stakeholder Day on March 12th and a brown bag lunch during Brain Injury Awareness Day on Capitol Hill on March 13th, in observance of Brain Injury Awareness Month in March. ACL's TBI Stakeholder Day is an opportunity for stakeholders to come to Washington to hear about and discuss important issues related to TBI with brain injury survivors, family members, support networks, and state and federal representatives.

RSVP for TBI Stakeholder Day and the brown bag lunch by March 8th to [TBI@acl.gov](mailto:TBI@acl.gov) or 202-795-7604.

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## Spotlight on Resources

### Last Week's Most Popular Tweet:

Thursday, January 3:

[Scam callers pretend to be from the Social Security Administration and attempt to get your SS number](#)

### Long-Term Care Resources & News

- [Nursing home resident advocates receive open ears at White House meeting, January 7, 2019, McKnight's](#)

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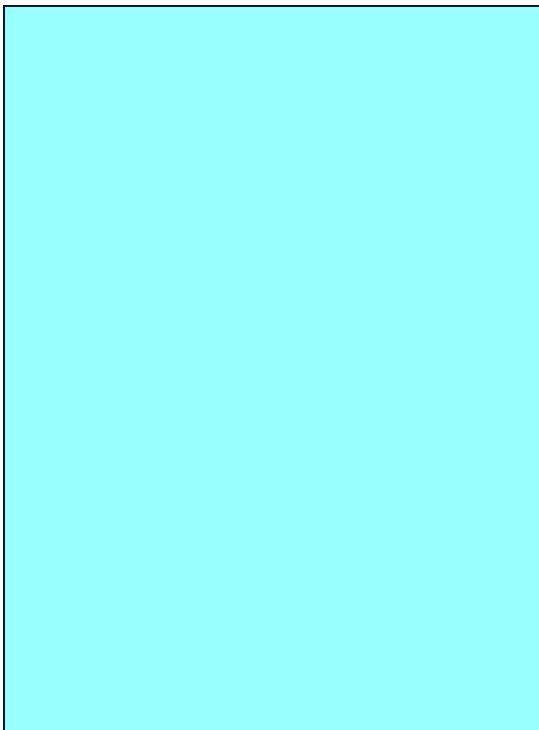
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Consumer Voice and the National Ombudsman Resource Center have a multitude of resources available online covering a wide range of long-term care topics. Visit the [Consumer Voice](#) and [NORC websites](#) to explore all the available resources. Check out this week's highlighted resource:



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