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## About Newsletter

Dear PROMISE Team,

2015 is upon us and with it comes the promise of great growth and change for many youth receiving SSI or SSDI. As part of our own expansion and growth, we're excited to launch our inaugural PROMISE Newsletter, which is specifically designed to help you help others. In this issue of our newsletter, we focus on resources that enhance the creation of everlasting bonds with youth and families. Our featured article focus on successfully engaging minority communities. Our featured article comes from The University of Maryland on "How to build trust between minorities and researchers?" They model how to successfully engage minority communities by developing seven modules for how to become a self-reflective researcher.

## **How to Build Trust between Minorities and Researchers?**

This project is a web-based interactive educational program funded by NIH as part of the federal recognition of the importance of fostering greater participation rates of racial and ethnic minority populations in research

## **Supporting Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and their Families**

This report describes the status of, and trends in, long-term supports and services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities in the U.S. This report presents data on individualized and congregate settings, utilization and expenditures for Medicaid's Home and Community-Based Waiver (HCBS) and Medicaid's Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities program.

## **Annual Progress Report on National Disability Policy**

The National Council on Disability (NCD) has released the 2014 edition of National Disability Policy: A Progress report. The 2014 Progress Report focuses on seven key areas: the convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD), employment access and inclusion, subminimum wage, education outcomes, Medicaid managed care, mental health care, and data trends in disability policy.

## **In-Home and Residential Long-Term Supports and Services for Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities**

This is a technical report describing results from a survey of state intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) agencies FY 2012 on the status and trends of long-term supports and services for people with IDD that focuses on supports provided in individualized settings (the home of a family member, a person's own home, a host name or foster family setting or group homes shared by three or fewer people with IDD).

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