

## Updates from the National Adult Day Services Association Research Committee and Call to Action

It is with great pleasure we write this quarter's roundup, as countless hours of effort from dozens of individuals has led to the final products in this announcement. The Research Committee of NADSA has completed a multi-year project to update the Research Positioning Statement that has been approved by the Board of Directors and published on the NADSA [website](#). In addition to the comprehensive Research Positioning Statement and Five Year Plan, the Committee has also published a [domain map](#) to highlight the ongoing projects and efforts outlined in the Statement; updated the narrative on the NADSA [website](#); updated and significantly expanded the current and recent publications on the website; and most recently, began the establishment of a national research stakeholder group as outlined in the Statement.

One of the main objectives of the Committee is to educate NADSA members on current standard outcomes measures recommended for use in ADS. Earlier this year, the [Research Roundup](#) highlighted the publication from Dr. Keith Anderson, Developing a Set of Uniform Outcomes Measures for Adult Day Services (see link to abstract below). This is a call to action for all providers in the ADS industry. It is essential to quantify the work we all perform in a way that is translatable to the individuals and communities we serve, the organizations we contract with, and industry partners at large. In years past, data collection seemed unattainable unless collected by academics. That is no longer the case. Data collection is simple, and easy, and essential for all providers to participate!

We strongly urge ADS providers to take some time to read the article and utilize the measures noted in the publication. The majority of the tools mentioned are free for use, and easy to train staff on data collection. For more information and assistance with data collection specific to the article, or if you are interested in being involved in the Research Committee or the Research Stakeholder group, please reach out to Research Committee Chair Bill Zagorski ([william.zagorski@centennialadultcare.com](mailto:william.zagorski@centennialadultcare.com)) or Associate Director of Membership & Education Lance Roberts ([membereducation@nadsa.org](mailto:membereducation@nadsa.org)). The Committee continues its efforts to establish means to assist in the data collection projects as outlined in the Statement, and significantly more publications will follow in the coming months and years!

In NADSA Research Round-ups, we summarize recent research on ADS as a benefit to NADSA members. Due to copyright issues, we are unable to provide full-text articles, however the abstract can be viewed here:

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29900756>).

Some full-text articles may be accessed via open source platforms on the web; others will only be available through academic research databases, or by request to authors.