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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Elaine S. Smith, MS, RD
Program Coordinator

DATE: May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Fan Care Program

I am pleased to announce that VDA has received funding from Dominion Virginia Power for the 2007 Fan Care Program.

The program will start on June 1, 2007. Program requirements and funding allocations will be distributed shortly to each AAA under separate cover.

Cooling Assistance

Funding from the Department of Social Services for the Cooling Assistance program is not a certainty this year. When further information is received it will be forwarded to you.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Ellen M. Nau

DATE: May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Kinship Care

Grandfamily E-Workshops

The University of Maine Center on Aging's Rural RAPP Initiative funded through the Brookdale Relatives as Parents Program will be presenting two new grandfamily workshops. Participants register and take part via the internet and e-mail. Students participate online at any convenient time during the event.

Dates: Tuesday, May 29 and Wednesday, May 30.

Topic: Raising the Children and Managing Everyone Else: An E-Conversation for Grandfamilies.

- Target audience is all grandparents raising grandchildren and other relative caregivers.
- Workshop 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. EST each day, and a live chat from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. EST

Dates: Tuesday, June 26 and Wednesday, June 27.

Topic: Developing and Sustaining Support Groups of Grandfamilies

- Target audience is all professionals who are starting or facilitating support groups for kinship families.
- 9 A.M. – 3 P.M. EST each day

For further information, please go to <http://www.mainecenteronaging.org/moodle/>

The Virginia Child Day Care Council met on Thursday, May 7, 2007. Items of interest to AAAs operating Child Day Care Centers include:

- Governor's Early Childhood Summit on Friday, June 1, 2007 from 9:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. in the Commonwealth Ballroom at Virginia Commonwealth University. Further information and registration can be found at <http://www.dss.state.va.us/redirect/?621>
- Medical Administration Training (MAT) Child care providers who Administer prescription medication to children in licensed or regulate child day programs are required by the Code of Virginia to satisfactorily complete a MAT course approved by the Board of Nursing. The course must be facilitated by an approved MAT trainer. There are currently 163 trainers available to provide this training to child day care staff. Further information can be found at:
http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc_providertrain/mat/index.cgi

The Statewide Kinship Care Task Force and Information Network is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 13 at 9:00 A.M. in the VDA Conference room or via videoconferencing. All are welcome to participate. If you have a video conference site secured, please let me know so that I can notify our IT department. If you have agenda items you would like discussed at the meeting, please notify me at ellen.nau@vda.virginia.gov.

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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Kathy Miller, Director of Long Term Care

DATE: May 8, 2007

SUBJECT: GrandDriver Initiative: Driving Tips for Seniors

Since May is Older Americans/Virginians Month, it is also the kickoff month for VDA's new GrandDriver media campaign. Attached is a brochure on "***Driving Tips for Seniors***" that can be copied and distributed to your clients. If you have questions about GrandDriver or would like to include some information about GrandDriver in your Older Virginians Month activities, please contact Nancy Lo, GrandDriver Coordinator, at (804) 662-7686.