



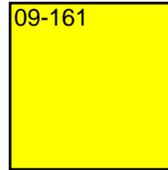
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Ellen M. Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

**DATE:** August 4, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Kinship Care

**MEETING - Kinship Care Initiative Statewide Task Force and Information Network**  
on September 15, 2009 10:00 A.M. Virginia Department for the Aging Conference Room

Kathy Dial will lead discussion on the status of the Kinship Navigator System grant. Members and interested parties will begin work on an action plan for 2010.

**Upcoming Grandparents Day 2009 Prompts Census Fact Sheet**

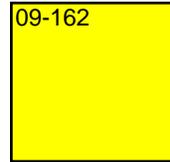
The U.S. Census Bureau released a "Facts for Features" on July 13 focused on Grandparents Day 2009, which will be September 13. Besides providing a brief history of this annual observance, the two-page document offers data profiling grandparents as caregivers. For example, 2.5 million grandparents are responsible for most of the basic needs of one or more grandchildren who lived with them in 2007, and 1.5 million of these grandparents were in the labor force, too. For more information, visit:

[Census Bureau](#)

**Fall Events**

**Foster, Adoption, and Kinship Association (FACES) Annual Education and Support Conference**, on September 11-12, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza at Fort Magruder, Williamsburg, Virginia. You can register online at [www.facesofvirginia.org](http://www.facesofvirginia.org) or call 1-877-823-2237.

**Statewide Kinship Care Conference** to be held October 8-10, 2009 at the Point Plaza Suites and Conference Hotel in Newport News, Virginia. For more information call (757) 393-0570 or email [ministries@brightonrock.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:ministries@brightonrock.hrcoxmail.com)



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**From the Alzheimer's Association:**

The Alzheimer's Association has developed a new [Know the 10 Signs](#) campaign that highlights early detection and early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, which give people the power to make choices about their own health and future.

These 10 signs include:

- 1) Memory changes that disrupt daily life
- 2) Challenges in planning or solving problems
- 3) Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure
- 4) Confusion with time or place
- 5) Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
- 6) New problems with words in speaking or writing
- 7) Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
- 8) Decreased or poor judgment

9) Withdrawal from work or social activities

10) Changes in mood and personality

To view these 10 signs in greater detail or to watch the three-part report, visit:

[http://www.alz.org/alzheimers\\_disease\\_know\\_the\\_10\\_signs.asp](http://www.alz.org/alzheimers_disease_know_the_10_signs.asp)

### **Wounded Warrior Project Family Caregiver Act of 2009**

H.R. 2342: Wounded Warrior Project Family Caregiver Act of 2009. This bill establishes a family caregiver program to furnish support services to family members certified as family caregivers who provide personal care services for certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes. This bill was introduced on May 11, 2009 and has been referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. To read the entire text of this bill, visit:

[www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov) and put the bill number in the search engine.

### **Harrah's Foundation**

The AARP has received a \$1.1 million gift from the Harrah's Foundation to help current and former caregivers meet caregiving responsibilities while building their own long-term financial security. The year-long collaboration will emphasize caregiving within existing AARP Foundation. It will also provide employers with tools to help employees balance caregiving and workplace responsibilities.

### **Dementia Issue**

The August Issue of *Dementia* Vol. 8 No. 3 includes two editorial articles, ten research and practice articles and one book review that collectively examine end-of-life care for dementia patients from an international viewpoint. For more information, visit:

<http://dem.sagepub.com/current.dtl>

### **Independence at Home Act – Reintroduced into Congress**

According to the American Academy of Home Care Physicians, The *Independence at Home Act* (S. 1131, H.R. 2560) uses proven home-based primary care teams to address the number one cost and quality problem faced by Medicare—10% of Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic diseases who account for 66% of Medicare costs and have poor outcomes. (<http://www.aahcp.org/iahsummary.pdf>). The legislation was partially written by Dr. Peter Boling of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Dr. Boling is Interim Division Chair, Division of General Medicine, Director of Long-term care and Geriatrics at VCU. For further information, go to:

<http://www.virginiaageriatricssociety.org/dr-peter-boling-on-the-independence-at-home-act-video>

**Statistics available on hospital readmissions now available!** The **CMS Fact Sheet** on this topic can be found at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press\\_releases.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press_releases.asp) on the CMS Website!