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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Ellen Nau, Program Coordinator

DATE: June 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Caregiving

Alzheimer's Disease Workshop

The Alzheimer's Association, Central and Western Virginia Chapter, and the Mennonite Retirement Community (VMRC) invite you to attend a one-day workshop on *Understanding Behavioral Symptoms of Dementia*. The event will be held on June 16, 2011 at James Madison University, Conference and Student Center. Registration will begin at 7:30 A.M. The workshop will last from 8:45 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. For further information and to register, see the flyer attached to this email.

Aid for Hispanic Caregivers

www.videocaregiving.org, an all-video website for family caregivers, is launching a website in Spanish for the estimated 8 million Hispanic caregivers in this country. The documentary style videos offer real stories of real people in caregiving situations. Videos are drawn from films either produced or distributed by Terra Nova Films. The Spanish caregiving website is: www.videoasistencia.org

CMS Quarterly Caregiver Meeting

Thursday, June 30, 2011 9 A.M. until 12 Noon at the AARP Shakespeare Building S11-192 located at 601 E Street NW in Washington, DC. To attend in person, RSVP to Natalie Highsmith at CMS Natalie.highsmith@cms.hhs.gov. To listen to the conference by phone: Dial: 1-877-267-1577 ID 5865

Topics on the agenda include: Caregiving of Veterans, Review of Ask Medicare, The Single Parent Project, e-connected Caregiver, Life Span Reauthorization, and the Eldercare Locator. The session concludes with an open discussion among the participants.

Resources for Brookdale Foundation
Statewide Grantees

Rural Kinship Families

University of Maine Center on Aging

The University provides on-line trainings to kinship programs and to kinship caregivers.

Booklet: *Developing Rural Relatives as Parents Programming: Promising Practices-A Collection of Practice Wisdom from Across Rural America!*

<http://www.maine.edu/mainecenteronaging/mhrapp.htm>

Legal Resources

Grandfamilies State Law and Policy Resource Center:

www.grandfamilies.org

National legal resource in support of grandfamilies both within and outside the child welfare system.

Legal Hotline, Florida Kinship Center

Volunteer lawyers provide free legal information regarding permanency options for grandparents and other relatives raising children.

www.floridakinshipcenter.org

Kinship Curriculumms

Pennsylvania State University

“Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Doubly Stressed, Triply Blessed”

“Conducting a Family Retreat”

“Making Health Eating a Family Affair”

<http://intergenerational.cas.psu.edu/>

The Child Welfare League of America

“A Tradition of Caring: Information, Resources, and Support for Kinship Families”

<http://www.cwla.org/pubs/welcome.htm>

Interactive Websites

Extension: A website available to caregivers, students, researchers, clinicians, professors, as well as the general public.

<http://www.extension.org/family%2Bcaregiving>

Volunteer Programs

Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (TN)

Office on Aging

GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS PROGRAM - Provides support sessions and information for grandparents who are raising grandchildren without a parent in the home. Recruits, trains, and assigns volunteer advocates to accompany grandparents during Juvenile Court custody hearings and school IEP (Individualized Education Program) meeting. No age or income restrictions. Monthly information/support meetings and referrals to community resources are available.

<http://www.knoxcac.org>

Government Agency Staff Training

NYC Department for the Aging's Grandparent Resource Center

Provides training to government agency staff who interact with grandparents raising grandchildren.

www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/caregiver/grandparents.shtml

Respite Activities for Kinship Families

Grand Fund Days – a Program of the Florida Kinship Center

Fun Days are held on Saturdays. All kinship families in a support group are invited.

www.usf.edu Enter Kinship Center in the Search Box

Health Related Programs and Resources

Project Healthy Grandparents at Georgia State University

The overarching goal of the program is to strengthen grandparent-headed families by providing social work and (in home) health services, support groups, legal assistance referrals and improved access to community resources.

<http://www.gsu.edu> Enter Project Healthy Grandparents in the Search Box

School-Based Programs

Kinship Care Connection – a Program of the Florida Kinship Center

This is an evidenced based program that provides support groups for both children and caregivers during an entire semester in selected elementary schools in Tampa, Florida. It also provides home-based case management and counseling for the caregivers and tutoring and mentoring for the children at school.

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0190740904002774>

Family Group Decision-Making with Kinship Families

Partnership for Strong Families, Gainesville, Florida

This privatized child welfare agency includes kinship caregivers in administrative staffing, permanency staffing, and all steps along the way. As soon as there is a

formal investigation that leads to kinship care, the agency begins including the caregivers.

<https://www.pfsf.org/>

Finding Relatives

These programs find relatives when a child is removed from the home.

On Track, Inc. Medford, Oregon

The organization develops housing for clients with case managers at the housing. Also, On Track sometimes finds family members to help a mother raise her child.

www.ontrackrecovery.org

Four Oaks Family and Children's Services, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Four Oaks, a non-profit child welfare, juvenile justice, and behavioral health agency founded in 1973 and headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, offers services to children and families in all 99 Iowa counties.

<http://www.fouroaks.org>

Sources:

Brookdale Foundation

Barb Schwartz, Illinois Department for the Aging, Relatives Raising Children Program

Anne Strozier, Florida Kinship Center



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors, Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Leonard Eshmont, IT Director

DATE: June 14, 2011

SUBJECT: NWD User's Conference in Richmond, VA

The NWD Users Conference has been set for a one day event to be held in Richmond, VA at the Richmond Hilton & Spa on July 7th, 2011. Purpose of the conference is to review progress of the initiative, share best practices, and to have an open forum on how to enhance certain business processes.

Lodging at the Hilton (12042 W. Broad St., Richmond, Va.) is available for this event at the state rate of \$87 per room (single) plus applicable taxes. Please click on this link to register [Click to register for Hilton Lodging](#). Note this site has all the information about the hotel such as easy printable directions as well. Hotel room reservations should be made no later than June 22nd in order to insure accommodations. VDA will cover the overnight stay before the event for up to two guest traveling from outside of the Richmond area, but please reserve all rooms using the link above and VDA will confirm which persons are covered individually.

There is no cost for the event itself. Agencies are expected to cover the cost of travel and room (except the two per agency mentioned) and board related to attending. To register for the event itself please contact Leonard Eshmont by June 22nd by email at leonard.eshmont@vda.virginia.gov providing the names of each participant and if there will be any guest staying overnight at the hotel. VDA will confirm registration and the names of participants covered for overnight stay.

Lunch is provided during the event and the main course will be Pasta Primavera. This is described as tender pasta tossed with crisp garden vegetables and served in a creamy Alfredo sauce. Please let us know when registering for the event if there are any special dietary needs that we can work to accommodate as well.

Agenda developed by the NWD Users Group is attached. Please contact Leonard Eshmont for further information.



NWD Tools End-Users Conference Agenda

Date: July 7th, 2011

- 1. 9:00am – 9:30am – Conference Registration**
- 2. 9:30am – 10:00am – Conference Kick Off Meeting**
- 3. 10:15am – 11:45am – Session #1**
Using the NWD Tools and Virginia & Federal Policies

Suggested Presenter(s): Leonard Eshmont / Kathleen Vaughan

This session will cover many of the concepts used in PeerPlace and how they relate to NWD/ADRC in Virginia, productivity tools and Virginia specific forms within the framework of the CRIA Service Standard and relevant policy considerations. We will review policy around consent to exchange; Data entry standardization as it relates to the system as a whole; State policies related to opening and closing clients in a path; UAI and policy considerations (ISSG); Reassessments and the proper dating of the assessment and reassessment date fields, overflow fields, quick form and caregiver form, and so on.

- 4. 12:00pm – 1:00pm – Networking Lunch**
Time to Connect with people with similar roles from other agencies
- 5. 1:15pm – 2:45pm – Session #2**
NWD Tools Review and Strategies Going Forward

Suggested Presenter(s): Carrie Frey

In this session we will focus on the PeerPlace System and provide a high level overview of the NWD Tools and how and why it works. For many topics this will be a recap, however, now that we have been using the system for awhile reviewing some major distinctions will prove useful. We will also use this time as an open forum to gain direct feedback from users about areas with room for improvement and what new functionality would be helpful. We would also like to have users discuss things that work nicely in their agency and are beneficial to share with others.

- 6. 3:00pm – 4:30pm – Session #3**
Forum – How to best use the NWD Tools to Manage and enhance Business Practice

Suggested Presenter(s): VDA Staff

- 7. 4:30pm – 5:00pm – Wrap Up**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Joseph D. Hoyle
Policy Analyst

DATE: June 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Third of Five Lunch-Time Webinars through the Virginia Center on Aging

The following three remain in the series of five, live lunch-time webinars made possible through a grant from the Geriatric Training and Education Initiative of the Virginia Center on Aging.

June 21st: Aging in Place: A Hallmark of Person-Centered Care

June 24th: Policy

June 28th: Cultural Competence in Dementia Care

As part of our requirements, all attendees are kindly requested to complete a quick demographics survey following the event.

Questions that are submitted will be answered during the one hour webinar or posted thereafter on the AlzPossible website at www.alzpossible.org.

The third webinar, titled "Aging in Place: A Hallmark of Person-Centered Care," will be on Tuesday, June 21st from noon-1pm. Register and ask questions in advance at the following link: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/238016090>

Rationale for this webinar:

Traditional institutional models of care for older adults are often antithetical to financial, physical, and emotional well-being. Older adults, overwhelmingly, state that, given the option, they would prefer to "age in place" in homes and communities and among family and friends of choice. A hallmark of Gerontological scholarship and application is person-centered care and investigating options for aging in place is central to this core belief. Participants in this webinar can expect to learn fundamentals of person-centered care and be introduced to practical alternatives to traditional institutionally-driven models of care. Join John T. White and Sonya Barsness on June 21, 2011 at Noon Eastern to learn more about this exciting topic. The two slide presentations will be followed by discussion and Q&A moderated by Dr. E. Ayn Welleford.

Presenters:

John (Jay) T. White is currently enrolled in the MS program in Gerontology at VCU as well as being the Department's Director of Professional and Community Development. His background includes marketing, public relations, fundraising, and organizational development within non-profit, educational, and tourism-related organizations. Jay has a BA in American History from Washington and Lee University and completed coursework for an MA in American Studies at the College of William and Mary. Volunteer and professional initiatives include the Richmond Organization for Sexual Minority Youth (ROSMY), Family Lifeline's ElderFriends Program, FETCH A Cure, the Virginia Pride Coalition, the READ Center, the Family of Friends Thanksgiving Feast, the River District Alliance, Rainbow Over Richmond, and many others. Jay is the author of "Fundamentals: A Complete Guide to Starting and Development a Community Service Initiative" and "Battling Southern Heritage: A History of African-Americans at Washington and Lee University" as well as numerous papers on topics ranging from Housing Alternatives for an Aging Population to Recareering and Older Adults.

Sonya Barsness is a Masters-prepared Gerontologist with over 15 years of experience in aging, primarily in long-term care and dementia care. Sonya has been a provider in assisted living and nursing homes. Her more extensive experience is in education, programming, policy, and research related to long-term care, dementia care, and person-centered care. Sonya is currently a consultant and principal of Sonya Barsness Consulting LLC. As a consultant she works with organizations such as Pioneer Network and Planetree to support the enculturation of person-centered values in long-term care and healthcare. She is also adjunct faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Gerontology. Sonya's passion and vocation is changing the culture of aging, to include promoting personhood in dementia care.

E. Ayn Welleford, PhD, received her BA in Management/Psychology from Averett College, MS in Gerontology and PhD in Developmental Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has taught extensively in the areas of Lifespan Development, and Adult Development and Aging, Geropsychology, and Aging & Human Values. As an educator, researcher, and previously as a practitioner she has worked with a broad spectrum of individuals across the caregiving and long term care continuum. As Associate Professor and Chair of VCU's Department of Gerontology, she currently works to "Improve Elder Care through Education" through her Teaching, Scholarship, and Community Engagement. Outside of the classroom, Dr. Welleford provides community education and serves on several boards and committees. She currently serves as Chair of the Governor's Commonwealth of Virginia Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Commission. Dr. Welleford is the proud recipient of the 2008 AGHE Distinguished Teacher Award.