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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Tim Catherman

DATE: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Free HOME Webinar: Ensuring Equal Access to Housing & Grassroots
Advocacy 8/14 at 2:00 PM EST

Free HOME Webinar: Ensuring Equal Access to Housing & Grassroots Advocacy 8/14 at 2PM

Want to know more about the lack of equal access to housing across Virginia?

**Ensuring Equal Access to Housing:
Grassroots Advocacy in Virginia
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EDT**

HOME will present a free webinar on current barriers to housing access including: homelessness, housing discrimination, and affordable housing.

In addition, HOME will discuss the best ways to approach state legislators to advocate for equal access to housing for all people and how to get involved in your community to promote housing access for all.

You must register<[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001kUgvrhbcTvGThybUwQqpkBswcTQb-wQNfhA7fe_vwy7D_IWA8KRM1RIdv6tnxtaO14l6GUSxqvzMfxTLR-c_rQz4pWz4u3t9Ukc9Jw44Snx213KplijhujopzwVxKFEpy3yaNYUyzOfxs6wtGDnXHPLhp1eoJnTqYywULdFqNZgxsiZhcktfiEWpAjYP7RLGqVy27TpiFYIG1UiMbBQs38ajYZzx7_QxpBRd-k2x0Vsq3hFzHwq14X0D2jdFP7jBPqMpS-sYJCTBEt15mBOjGw==](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001kUgvrhbcTvGThybUwQqpkBswcTQb-wQNfhA7fe_vwy7D_IWA8KRM1RIdv6tnxtaO14l6GUSxqvzMfxTLR-c_rQz4pWz4u3t9Ukc9Jw44Snx213KplijhujopzwVxKFEpy3yaNYUyzOfxs6wtGDnXHPLhp1eoJnTqYywULdFqNZgxsiZhcktfiEWpAjYP7RLGqVy27TpiFYIG1UiMbBQs38ajYZzx7_QxpBRd-k2x0Vsq3hFzHwq14X0D2jdFP7jBPqMpS-sYJCTBEt15mBOjGw==>)> to receive a confirmation email that contains a link to join the training.

[HOME Webinar Preview: Housing Access and Grassroots
Advocacy]<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001kUgvrhbcTvEoL3jGc00fHmmt84pVU1hgR6NIX08c1WSLyD3WXTly_wa0LUKI_bJKTgrSoHlmmnFytYwRnJlv5taZZbLI8qLIO_m1aRz_eL2eJ6tYDdbtSRA6WmCz_BNHjcSBJVxyhr4GkVko8O5BE5YNL-GIS_2sfDvJeja67BXg=>>



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FROM: Kathy Miller, Director of Programs

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SUBJECT: NASUAD's New Online Training Modules offer Social Work CEUs

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is happy to announce the addition of seven new free [Online Training Modules](#). Social Work Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available for five of the 11 online courses (each course providing 2 CEUs and costing \$50).

Courses offering CEUs (indicated in red on the website) are:

1. I&R/A Services and the Aging Network
2. Introduction to the Independent Living Movement
3. Developing Cultural Competence to Serve a Diverse Aging Population
4. Essential Components of the Aging I&R/A Process
5. Key Programs and Services for Older Adults

You must log in to take the courses. Once you are logged in, you can access [More Detailed Instructions for Obtaining CEUs](#).

If you have already passed the above courses, you must retake the quizzes then follow the instructions at the end of the quiz to complete the course evaluation and pay for the CEUs in order to obtain Social Work CEUs.



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SUBJECT: H3N2 Influenza Virus

In recent weeks, there have been news stories about the significant increase in the number of cases of swine-origin variant H3N2 influenza virus (H3N2v) in several states. From July 12, 2012 to August 9, 2012, a total of 153 cases of H3N2v infections were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Hawaii. The H3N2v illness has been described as a relatively mild illness similar to seasonal flu. There have been no reported cases of H3N2v infections in Virginia to date.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and it is expected that more cases will be confirmed in the coming weeks. The 152 patients reported from Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois resided in 27 counties. All reported direct or indirect exposure to swine, the majority at agricultural fairs. At this time, there is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission related to any of these cases; however, there was evidence of limited human-to-human transmission in cases in prior years. The H3N2v virus does contain the M, or matrix, gene from the 2009 H1N1 virus, which, according to the CDC, may make it easier for the strain to spread from pigs to humans and from human to human.

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is prepared with enhanced surveillance to help identify H3N2v infections in Virginia as soon as possible and with response measures to respond to any reported cases. VDH tracks influenza-like-illness (ILI) in emergency rooms and urgent care centers around the state to help detect emerging trends of illness like H3N2v infections. Virginia is not experiencing any increase in ILI activity.



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FROM: Elaine Smith, Program Coordinator

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SUBJECT: Funding Opportunity from InnoCentive and AARP Foundation

[InnoCentive, Inc.](#) has announced collaboration with the [AARP Foundation](#) to help advance the foundation's goal of improving the lives of millions of older Americans who struggle to meet their basic needs for nutritious food, safe and affordable housing, adequate income, and personal connections.

As part of the alliance, InnoCentive and the AARP Foundation have launched the [AARP Foundation-InnoCentive Challenge Series](#), which is comprised of a dedicated pavilion located on InnoCentive.com. The pavilion currently features two initial challenges aligned with the goals of AARP and the AARP Foundation's [Drive to End Hunger](#) program to reduce older Americans' vulnerability to food insecurity.

The Drive to End Hunger - Sustainable Solutions Challenge <https://www.innocentive.com/ar/challenge/9933095> seeks ideas for long-term, sustainable solutions that prevent food insecurity from happening in the first place or that reduce an older adult's vulnerability to food insecurity in a significant way.

The Drive to End Hunger - the Elimination of Food Deserts Challenge <https://www.innocentive.com/ar/challenge/9933096> seeks ideas for reducing or eliminating "food deserts." A food desert is defined as a "low-income census tract where a substantial number or share of residents has low access to a supermarket or large grocery store."

Ideal solutions to both challenges will focus on long-term, sustainable programs designed to prevent, reduce or eliminate food insecurity and the number of food deserts, respectively, without reliance on food provisions by third-party providers or benefits assistance such as food stamps. The solutions can be existing programs or new ideas that have not yet been

implemented. Each challenge will award \$10,000 in prizes for the best solution submission(s) as determined by the AARP Foundation.



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A new food safety course, "**Food Safety on the Go**," specifically designed for home-delivered meal programs, was developed by the University of Maryland in collaboration with the Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA). The purpose of the course is to provide relevant food safety education to staff, volunteers, and clients of home-delivered meal programs, in order to improve their food safety knowledge and practices. The overall goal is to decrease the risk of foodborne illness among home-delivered meal recipients.

Course materials

All course materials for "Food Safety on the Go" are available at the following website:

<http://www.nfsc.umd.edu/FoodSafety/index.cfm>

Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) Annual Conference

The "Food Safety on the Go" course will be presented at the MOWAA Annual Conference in Washington D.C., on Wednesday, August 22nd from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., in case you are able to go and would like to attend this session.

<http://www.mowaa.org/full#foodsafety>

Recorded webinar

The webinar presented to State Units on Aging, or their representatives, was recorded and can be accessed at the following website:

<https://connect-test.moo.umd.edu/p60kxix4wj0/>

“Food Safety on the Go” is made up of 6 modules. Programs can select modules that are relevant to their training needs. Module 1, Food safety basics, is an overview of food safety for all staff and volunteers. Modules 2 through 5 are for specific individuals within a program: Module 2 is for the program director, Module 3 is for the food service management staff, Module 4 is for food service workers (staff and volunteers), and Module 5 is for drivers (staff and volunteers). Module 6, which is for clients, is in the form of magnets for drivers to give to clients.

“Food Safety on the Go” can be provided as either a “train-the-trainer” course, or else directly to home-delivered meal program staff, volunteers and clients. It can be used as a supplement to current food safety training programs that are geared toward food service operations in general, with the advantage that it is specifically targeted to home-delivered meal programs.