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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Jim Rothrock
Commissioner

DATE: July 10, 2012

SUBJECT: DARS Update

Hopefully this email finds you having enjoyed a great 4th of July and staying somewhat cool, it is time to start off a New Year--at least on the Commonwealth of Virginia's calendar.

As you know, we all now work for the newest state agency--Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services. Check out this [new video](#) that gives a brief overview of DARS.

Feel free to share this video or the [ebrochure](#) with any of our partners or "family" as it gives a quick and comprehensive overview of what DARS is.

A great example of some of our staff at DRS addressing problems with technology can be found in this recent article in the Richmond Times Dispatch:

<http://www2.timesdispatch.com/business/business/2012/jul/04/tdbiz01-agrability-helps-farmers-continue-working-ar-2032940/#fbcomments>

If you are among the many that are on Facebook, please consider "liking" DARS to see what information, photos and videos we are posting for consumers and partners in providing services for people with disabilities and Vintage Virginians. Go to www.facebook.com/vadars and click on the "Like" button that gives DARS a "thumbs up." You'll find the "Like" button underneath the new photo collage, on the right side of your computer screen. Once you "like" us, your Facebook page will receive updates from DARS. The postings always offer new updates on a wide array of issues that impact us and those we serve. Encourage your clients, consumers, partners, and others to follow us on Facebook.



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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Tim Catherman
Director of Administrative Services

DATE: July 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Loudoun AAA on Comcast News Makers

Lynn Reid, Director of the Loudoun Area Agency on Aging had an opportunity to appear on Comcast News Maker to talk about her agency. Here is the link.

<http://www.comcastnewsmakers.com/video/loudoun-county-area-agency-on-aging/>



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FROM: James Rothrock, Commissioner

DATE: July 10, 2012

SUBJECT: NCOA Center for Healthy Aging Meeting Invitation

Please read and share the attached meeting invitation that was sent to me by Carmen Sanchez of the Administration on Aging (AOA).



Evidence-based Health Promotion 101: What it is, why it's important, how to find the right program for your agency, and how to measure success

Meeting Description:

Thinking about offering an evidence-based health program for seniors in your community? Find out what programs are available, why they're important, how to find the right one for your organization, and how to measure success.

[Register Now](#)

Details	
Date:	Tue, Jul 24, 2012
Time:	03:00 PM EDT
Duration:	1 hour 30 minutes
Host(s):	Binod Suwal
Presenter Information	
Marcia Ory, PhD, MPH, Texas A&M Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health	
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SUBJECT: VASILC 2012 Survey

The Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council (VASILC) is requesting the participation of the aging network in their 2012 web-based survey on the needs of Virginians with disabilities. The results of the survey will help drive the creation of the 2014-2016 State Plan for Independent Living. Additional details about the survey are attached.



**Message from Shawn Utt, Chairperson
Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council**

Please accept this invitation from the Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) to participate in a web-based survey to gather comments from Virginians with Disabilities about their service needs.

Simply click on the link below, or cut and paste the entire URL into your browser to access the survey:

<https://www.research.net/s/SILC2012SURVEY>

Your comments will assist the SILC in directing the development of the 2014-2016 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). Your input is very important to the SILC and will be kept strictly confidential. The SILC would appreciate your response by **August 5, 2012**.

Please forward this invitation to consumer groups, service programs, advocates and individuals in the Commonwealth who may want to comment about issues related to disabilities. If you would prefer to complete a paper survey, please contact Rhonda Jeter at (866) 460-9306 (Voice/VP), or via email at Rhonda.jeter@dars.virginia.gov. Alternative formats are also available upon request.

Thank you for your assistance and participation in the survey.

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