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Rappahannock AAA Recruiting for Mobility Manager

Tim Catherman, Director, Aging Operations

Social service transportation professional for full-time, grant funded position of Regional Mobility Manager with the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging. Job requires close collaboration with numerous Fredericksburg area human service agencies to enhance access to transportation for disabled, elderly and disadvantaged persons in a four county area. The Mobility Manager will explore long-term solutions to transportation problems in the target population by working with private and nonprofit agencies through the Regional Human Service Transportation Coordinating Committee. Bachelor's degree in a human services, social work or related field required. Master's degree and experience in human service transportation and mobility management strongly desired. Computer skills required. Apply to Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging, 171 Warrenton Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22405. (540) 371-3375. EOE

Senior Citizens Project Endeavor

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner

Good morning VA Division for the Aging.

We would like your help. We are trying to get the word out to seniors in the Commonwealth of

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Virginia about a new federal grant program called Project Endeavor. This project provides phones with captioning to seniors with hearing loss - subsidized by the federal government. The phone is \$20 and looks like a standard phone but plugs into the internet to get real-time captions of the conversation. For those seniors who don't have internet access, we are offering a hotspot with 2 years of service for \$50 total (one-time fee - no monthly charge). There are some limitations (age and income restrictions). The government program is scheduled to end at the end of February so we are trying to get the word out quickly.

Would it be possible to post a flier in your publication or website about this program? A sample flier is attached and additional information can be viewed online at www.captel.com/endeavor

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at Andrew.brenneman@sprint.com or (703) 592-4641.

Thank you for your consideration. Have a pleasant day.

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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – Kinship Care News

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Webinar: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – Legal Issues

The American Bar Association is co-sponsoring a 90-minute webinar, *Advising Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*. Grandfamilies face a myriad of legal issues ranging from how to establish a legal relationship with the child to how to access education, health care, and other benefits for the child. This webinar will provide an overview of the different legal relationship options available to a family with a child being raised by grandparents or other relatives. **Ana Beltran**, an attorney with Generations United is a featured speaker. **Thurs., Jan. 31, 2013 at 1:00pm. [Learn more.](#) There is a fee for this webinar. Government and non-profit attorneys can get a special rate of \$95.00.**



Webcast: *"Second Generation" Parenting: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*

The webcast discusses reasons why grandparents become primary caregivers for their grandchildren, the joys and challenges associated with raising grandchildren, and what support services currently are in place to assist "grandfamilies" emotionally, financially and legally. **Donna Butts**, executive director of Generations United, was a featured speaker. You can access the official archived webcast.

[Learn more.](#)

How Do YOU Use Technology to Forge Intergenerational Connections?

Do you have fun and interesting ways you use technology to connect generations -- maybe digital photography, Wii bowling, or Skype? If so, Generations United and Penn State University encourage you to take a quick survey. We'll use the information we collect to create a comprehensive guidebook and an online database of technology-focused intergenerational programs. [Please complete the survey by Feb. 15.](#)

Intergenerational Program Registry

Generations United and the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative are creating a registry of intergenerational programs focused on youth providing service to seniors. Help us make it the most complete registry possible. [Please tell us about your program by completing this very brief survey by Feb.15.](#)

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The DARS Temporary Lifespan Respite Voucher program
Launched on January 29!

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Many local news outlets have "covered" the program launch. DARS Director of Public Relations, AJ Hostetler, and her staff have done an outstanding job of publicizing this program. Below are a small sampling of the NEWS on the voucher program!

From enews , Administration for Community Living at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:



AoA Funds to Support Virginia Caregivers Respite Care

Virginia residents who take care of disabled or chronically ill family members can apply for \$400 to cover the costs of having someone stay with their loved ones while the caregivers take a break. A total of \$179,079 is available for families through the program, which closes July 31.

The program is being administered by the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services. Officials expect 447 families to be helped. The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services is a 2011 Administration on Aging (AoA) Lifespan Respite grantee and the agency also received an expansion supplement grant in 2012. The expansion funds will be used to provide the respite awards.

[Click here](#) to read more about this program and to download an application

From Virginia Public Radio:

[prerollrespite.mp3](#) (1 MB)

<http://virginiapublicradio.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/prerollrespite.mp3>

From NBC 12 in Richmond:

<http://www.nbc12.com/category/240224/video-landing-page?clipId=8256449&autostart=true>

Newspaper Coverage:

Virginian Pilot:

<http://hamptonroads.com/2013/01/respite-care-reimbursement-available-virginia>

Washington Post:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/respite-care-reimbursements-available-for-va-families-who-care-for-disabled-ill-loved-ones/2013/01/25/31e7ad42-6733-11e2-889b-f23c246aa446_story.html

Richmond Times Dispatch:

http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/state-regional/ap/respite-care-reimbursement-available-in-va/article_d4f5ed01-c619-55e2-85db-9eb184bcd56.html

Daily Press – Hampton Roads:

<http://www.dailypress.com/health/dp-nws-caregiver-grant-0130-20130130,0,2905336.story>

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Partners in Policymaking Accepting Applications Until April 30

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Are you the parent (or guardian) of a young child with a developmental disability (DD)? Or are you a person with DD?

If you are, or know someone who is, now is the time to apply for a free training program called Partners in Policymaking (PIP).

Only 30 people (from across Virginia) will be chosen to be Partners. Classes (on Friday evenings and Saturdays) begin in September 2013 and will conclude in May 2014. Eight sessions are held; lodging, meals, training, and transportation (plus individual accommodations such as personal care attendants and interpreters) are paid for participants in Partners.

Topics covered in the sessions include independent living, assistive technology, supported employment, and history of the disability rights movement. Partners practice presenting testimony and learn about impacting the legislative process.

Download the application at <http://www.vaboard.org/policymaking.htm> and be sure to include three (3) letters of recommendation. Materials are accepted electronically, by fax, or by mail. If you have questions, please contact Rachel Loria at 1-800-846-4464 or Rachel.Loria@vbpd.virginia.gov for more information.

Videos about PIP are available on the Board's web page and on YouTube through these links, which you can share to your own Facebook page or group:

<http://bit.ly/13vaPIP>

<http://bit.ly/Pip13Va>

Don't delay...Partners in Policymaking is a training program for those who want to make a difference by becoming a skilled, informed advocate for people with disabilities.

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NASUAD Excellence in Volunteer Services Award
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Volunteers Matter: Excellence in Volunteer Services Award

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is proud to announce the 2013 Volunteers Matter: Excellence in Volunteer Services Awards. This initiative is designed to highlight successful state-run programs that are leading the way in the creative use of volunteers in the long-term services and supports network. The award is open to programs that help older adults and persons with disabilities in the long-term services and supports system.

Programs must be statewide in scope and operation. Winning programs will demonstrate innovations in one or more of the following:

- Promoting intergenerational interaction
- Incorporating Baby Boomers as volunteers
- Including Veterans as volunteers or recipients
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- A NASUAD press release highlighting the program along with recognition on the NASUAD website

Submissions will be accepted from January 31st through May 30th, 2013. Winners will be notified in June, 2013 to prepare for formal announcement at the 2013 HCBS conference.

[Click here](#) to submit your organization's entry for this award.

[Click here](#) to see descriptions of the winning programs from 2012.

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