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Here is a link to the weekly newsletter from NASUAD

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs163/1109249143446/archive/1113206599203.html>

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Here is a link to the weekly newsletter from the Administration for Community Living (ACL)

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/eNewsletter/Index.aspx>

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Mental Health & the Older Adult: An Interdisciplinary Conference

Charlotte Arbogast, MSG, Dementia Services Coordinator

The Waldron College of Health and Human Services School of Nursing and the Carilion Clinic, with funding from the King Foundation, are hosting a one-day conference on Friday, January 31, 2014 at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, Va. The conference, titled “Mental Health and the Older Adult: An Interdisciplinary Conference” will feature a keynote speaker and several breakout sessions focused on psychiatric assessments, alcohol and substance use, memory disorders, suicide and depression, among others. More information, including how to register, can be found in the conference flyer at this link:

http://www.ngna.org/_resources/documentation/chapter/blue_ridge/10%2015%20SON%20Psychosocial%20save%20the%20date%204.pdf

Family and Children’s Trust Fund (FACT) 2014 RFP

On behalf of Hayley B. Mathews, MSW, Executive Director FACT

Colleagues,

I’m pleased to announce that the Family and Children’s Trust Fund (FACT) issued the 2014 Request for Proposals for Family Violence Prevention, Treatment, and Public Awareness Projects on Friday, December 6, 2013. An *optional* pre-proposal conference is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2012 in Henrico, VA, and proposals are due on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. Please follow the steps below to view the posting.

- Go to the eVA website at www.eva.virginia.gov
- Select ‘Solicitations, Quick Quotes & Awards’
- Type *CVS-14-034* in the ‘Keyword Search’ field
- Click on ‘Details’ to view the RFP and the supporting documents

If you have any questions about the solicitation, please submit them to me in writing via email.

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FCC and National Institute on Aging to Partner on Research

On behalf of Ronald Lanier, Director, Virginia Department for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

FCC AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING TO PARTNER ON RESEARCH
ADVANCING ACCESSIBILITY TO COMMUNICATIONS FOR AMERICANS WITH
HEARING DISABILITIES<<https://tedpa.basecamphq.com/P81894855>>

Washington, D.C. – Federal Communications Chairman Tom Wheeler and the National Institute on Aging (NIA) Deputy Director Dr. Marie A. Bernard signed an agreement today to partner on research into the use of modern IP technology to improve and make more accessible phone service to Americans who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing.

Under the joint agreement, the FCC will collaborate with the NIA to develop and support research plans for assessing Internet Protocol (IP) technologies that can benefit older adults with hearing disabilities or deafness. Such benefits could be incorporated into the FCC’s Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) program, which enables people with disabilities to do what most Americans take for granted: make a simple phone call.

“The IP transitions are upon us and so is the obligation for the FCC to invite a diverse set of experiments that will allow the Commission and the public to understand how the IP transitions can further important social goals, including access for all Americans,” said Chairman Wheeler. “Today’s Memorandum of Understanding will allow the FCC to work with other expert agencies to increase knowledge on how next-generation networks can best serve the needs of older Americans and those with disabilities.”

Deputy Director Bernard added, “This effort addresses a critical need to leverage expertise and resources in a world of rapidly changing technologies where we have a unique opportunity to find and use the best technologies to improve the lives of older people and those with special needs. NIA is pleased to be involved with this initiative.”

The interagency Memorandum of Understanding establishes guidelines for the two agencies to work together on objective, rigorous research into the current and anticipated use of IP-based relay technologies to provide service to people who are deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing. Specifically, the research plans will assess and evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency



and consumer response to current and future approaches to delivering TRS, including automated speech-to-text and video plus automated speech-to-text technologies.

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