



## VDA WEEKLY E-MAILING

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### ACL Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly Administration for Community Living (ACL) update:

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

### NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) update where you can sign up or view the current and archived editions:

<http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday-update>

Note: The web links in this document may change over time. DARS-VDA does not attempt to refresh the links once the week has passed. However, this document is maintained on the web for a period of time as a reference. Some links may require registration.

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## Survey on Social Security's Disability Programs

*James A. Rothrock, Commissioner*

The Social Security Administration is planning to launch a campaign highlighting their disability programs. The campaign will provide facts about Social Security disability programs and it will communicate the importance of the programs that benefit millions of Americans. A survey has been developed to gather feedback from professionals. Please consider taking the survey and also share it as appropriate with your partners.



## Social Security

Dear Colleague:

I am excited to inform you that Social Security is planning to launch the "Faces and Facts of Disability" Awareness Campaign.

The objective of the campaign is two-fold:

- To communicate the importance and benefits of the disability programs; and
- To provide the facts and correct misinformation.

As we work to develop public information materials to share with you and your constituents, we need your help! We have a couple of questions to gather your feedback about Social Security's Disability programs. Please share this [survey](#) with your constituents.

We value your thoughts and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kojuan Almond  
Associate Commissioner For External Affairs

Stay connected with [Social Security](#):





## Commonwealth Coordinated Care Program (CCC) Provider Manuals

*Tim Catherman, Director of Operations, Virginia Division for Aging*

The Commonwealth Coordinated Care Program (CCC) Provider Manuals are finalized and available for review. Please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) directly to request CCC Provider Manuals. Contact information for each of the MMPs is available on the DMAS website at [http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content\\_atchs/altc/altc-hpci3.pdf](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_atchs/altc/altc-hpci3.pdf).

## Social Security Field Office Service Changes Coming Later This Year

*Kathy B. Miller, MS, RN, MSHA, Director of Long-Term Care*

To meet increasing service demands despite shrinking budgets, Social Security has invested in technological innovations offering more convenient, cost-effective and secure options for the public. Considering these factors, Social Security is making some service changes in its field offices across the country.

On August 1, 2014, Social Security will stop offering Social Security number printouts. Also, on October 1, 2014, offices no longer will issue benefit verification letters. As a result of these changes, agencies and organizations that routinely need access to these materials are asked to use the data exchanges specifically developed for this purpose.

Social Security has collaborated with other federal, state and local agencies to build hundreds of robust data exchanges during the past few years. Today, Social Security provides more than 1.6 billion electronic verifications of Social Security numbers or benefit information to employers, state and local agencies, and other authorized third parties. Agencies and organizations should use available data exchanges to get the necessary verifications.

People needing proof of their Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits can get verification letters online instantly through a *my* Social Security account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). They also can get one mailed to them by calling our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).



## Virginia Caregiver Coalition News

*Ellen M. Nau, MA, Program Coordinator*

The Virginia Caregiver Coalition will meet on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at **9:15 A.M.** in the DARS/VDA Conference Room located at 1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100 in Henrico, Virginia, 23229.

The educational segment of the meeting will feature presentations on Transitions in Care. Kathy Vesley, CEO of Bay Aging, will speak on Care Transitions. Bay Aging used the Coleman Model for Care Transitions. Ms. Vesley will be phoning into the conference to present her information.

<http://www.caretransitions.org/>

Patricia M. Wiley, R.N. MSN of the Central Virginia Care Connection for Children. Families who have children with chronic health care needs can contact the Care Connection for Children Program to find about resources and family centered care. [www.careconnections.vcu.edu](http://www.careconnections.vcu.edu)

An important business meeting will follow the educational segment of the meeting.

**Video conferencing** for the meeting is available at the following sites:

Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. Julia Trivett Dillon [jtrivett@meoc.org](mailto:jtrivett@meoc.org)

District Three Senior Resources Sissy Frye [sfrye@smyth.net](mailto:sfrye@smyth.net)

New River Valley Agency on Aging Cassie Mills [cmills@nrvaoo.org](mailto:cmills@nrvaoo.org)

Blue Ridge Independent Living Center Christian Thomas [casemgt@loaa.org](mailto:casemgt@loaa.org)

DARS Culpeper Office Lynnette Scott [lscott@rrcsb.org](mailto:lscott@rrcsb.org)

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DARS Hampton Roads Office Judy Hutchinson [sw3@paainc.org](mailto:sw3@paainc.org)

DARS Williamsburg Office Christy Jensen [cjensen@excellenceinaging.org](mailto:cjensen@excellenceinaging.org)

Contact the individuals listed above if you would like to join the meeting at their location. And, of course, you are welcome to join the meeting at the DARS/VDA Conference Room.

Several individuals are going to try to participate in the meeting via webcam: Pat Holland-Rappahannock AAA and Mary Ellen Hasenflu and Frances Mitchell(JABA) . Many thanks to Deb Loving of DARS for moving our meeting communications forward!



## Rent or Mortgage Assistance for Veterans

*Kathy B. Miller, MS, RN, MSHA, Director of Long-Term Care*

The **Disabled Veterans National Foundation** GPS (Grants to Provide Stability) Home Program is a grant program for veterans who find themselves in a temporary financial setback. DVNF will provide up to \$1,000 (not guaranteed) to help eligible veterans pay for rent or mortgage, or up to \$500 for essential utilities such as water or electricity.

If you are a veteran in need of assistance, and feel that you would qualify for the GPS grant, you can find our [APPLICATION HERE](#). It is extremely important that you read the application carefully and follow the instructions, submitting all required documents. Incomplete applications may result in immediate denial

If you would like to see an example of what we need on your [DD214](#) or the [certification](#) required for the document, please click on the links provided.

Please read our [policy](#) and FAQ contained in the [application](#) before you submit your application.

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Virginia Wounded Warrior Program 1.877.285.1299

## Better Governance Fundraising Webinar

*Tim Catherman, Director of Operations, Virginia Division for Aging*

On Wednesday, March 19, 2014, DARS will host a Better Governance Webinar on **Fundraising**.



This invitation is open to all Board Members, Executive Directors, Development and Fundraising Directors, and CFOs of non-profit organizations that contract with DARS. Please encourage your Board Chair to attend.

The webinar will begin at Noon. Once you register, the registration will say 11:50 to allow time to sign in and check your computer, but the session will start at 12 noon! Please register at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/679256641>. You will be able to hear the webinar either through your computer speakers or the phone number provided after you register. If you choose to listen over your computer speakers, please do so on a computer with a microphone. Otherwise you will need to use the chat feature to ask questions.

Amy Nisenson is a senior philanthropy professional with a 20 year proven track record of success across corporate, foundation and nonprofit sectors. Amy's consulting reflects her passion to help build the capacity of the nonprofit sector and the professionals in it. Amy's consulting practice focuses on three main areas: 1) Nonprofit Governance and Management, 2) Resource Development and Fundraising, and 3) Foundation Management and Corporate Community Engagement. We will make the presentation available to you at <http://www.vda.virginia.gov/aaaleaderguidance.asp> prior to the webinar.

If you can attend the session in person at DARS-VDA, 1610 Forest Avenue, Henrico, please RSVP to Tanya Brinkley at 804-662-9339 or [Tanya.Brinkley@dars.virginia.gov](mailto:Tanya.Brinkley@dars.virginia.gov).

## Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) Town hall Meeting

*Katie Roeper, Assistant Commissioner Division for the Aging, for Sarah Broughton, DMAS*

Good Afternoon Stakeholders,

DMAS is pleased to share information on the upcoming CCC Town hall Meeting in Virginia Beach on March 5, 2014. Please see the attached flyer for details and freely distribute this flyer to your stakeholder groups, community organizations and most importantly to those in your community who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. Please note: future Town hall meetings are being scheduled in all CCC regions and information will be made available on these events. If you would like more information about Town halls or would like to partner with DMAS to host a Town hall in your region, please contact us at [CCC@dmas.virginia.gov](mailto:CCC@dmas.virginia.gov).

Sarah Broughton, MSW  
Outreach & Education Coordinator  
Office of Integrated Care and Behavioral Health, DMAS

# Tidewater Townhall Meeting

## Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Beth Sholom Village: Pincus Paul Social Hall  
6401 Auburn Drive  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

If you receive full Medicare and Medicaid benefits or provide healthcare for those who do, come learn about  
**Commonwealth Coordinated Care**



Program  
&  
Benefits



Dates  
To  
Know



Your  
Questions  
Answered

**For Medicare-Medicaid  
Recipients, Families &  
Advocates**

**SESSION A**  
10:00am-12:00pm



**For Healthcare Providers**

**SESSION B**  
12:00pm-2:00pm



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