



## VDA WEEKLY E-MAILING

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### Administration for Community Living (ACL) Weekly Update

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

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

### National Association of States United for Aging & Disabilities (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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## New Tools to Fight Senior Hunger

*Katie Roeper, Assistant Commissioner Division for the Aging*

We've created a new online toolkit to address senior hunger in your community. Find out how you can help enroll eligible seniors in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Download and use our outreach materials, promising strategies, fact sheets, webinars, and more.

[Get started](#) | [Learn about senior hunger](#) | [Watch videos](#) |



## New Toll-free Number for Reverse Mortgage Counseling

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

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) has a new national toll-free number for older homeowners to sign up for counseling when considering a reverse mortgage: **1-855-899-3778**. Federal law requires that anyone considering the FHA Home Equity Conversation Mortgage must receive counseling from a government-approved agency like NCOA. NCOA counselors do not sell any products. They work with seniors to weigh the pros and cons of a reverse mortgage to decide if it's right for their situation.

[Learn more](#) | [See how to schedule a session](#)

## Changes to Video Teleconferencing for the Virginia Area Agencies on Aging

*Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations*

In the past, VDA partnered with the Virginia Department of Health and used VDH meeting rooms for videoconferencing. VDA is now moving its VTC operations to the DARS network, which has just been updated to a new Polycom technology.

### **What this means for AAAs:**

Beginning immediately, AAAs will schedule with DARS instead of VDH for meeting rooms and videoconferences. A list of DARS VTC sites across Virginia is located in the "VTC Directory List" at <https://sp.wwrc.net/vtc/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or at <http://vda.virginia.gov/pdfdocs/VTCDirectoryContactList.xls>.

Joining the DARS VTC network of locations brings advantages as well as responsibilities. As a member, your agency may schedule meetings at other DARS locations. In return, other member agencies may request use of your VTC conference space, pending availability, for their meetings.



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### How to connect:

Virginia AAAs and other DARS partners with their own videoconferencing equipment are invited to connect with the DARS VTC network. Soon, partners will be able to connect to the VTC network using their tablet or smartphone through a Polycom “app.”

For more information or a consultation regarding technologies to fit your operations and budget, please contact Meir Amar at [MeirAmar@dars.virginia.gov](mailto:MeirAmar@dars.virginia.gov).

Thanks for your understanding and patience as we make this transition. If you have further questions, please contact Tim Catherman at [Tim.Catherman@dars.virginia.gov](mailto:Tim.Catherman@dars.virginia.gov)

## Prevent & Address Crimes Against Seniors: Free Online Conference

*Gail S. Nardi, Director Adult Protective Services Division*

Please see the announcement below about a free online conference on crimes against seniors. The National Crime Prevention Council, in association with the Bureau of Justice Assistance is hosting the event. Many thanks to Captain Steve Duke of the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office for sharing the conference information.





## Prevent and Address Crimes Against Seniors - Free, Online Conference, April 10, 2014

The **National Crime Prevention Council** (NCPC), in association with the **Bureau of Justice Assistance**, invites you to attend a **free**, one-day virtual event, entitled ***Safety in the Golden Years***. The online conference will take place **April 10, 2014**.

If you have not yet registered, please do so by following this link:

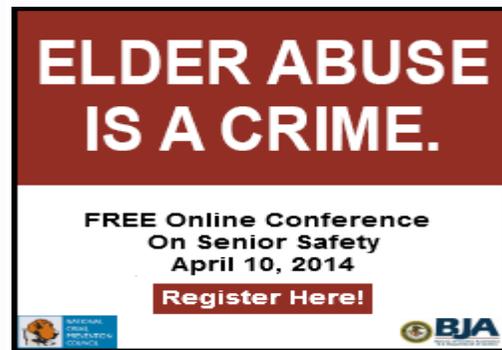
<http://engage.vevent.co/rt/ncpc~safeseniors>.

Once you have registered, or if you already have, please feel free to use resources from our online marketing kit to spread the word to friends, family, and colleagues:

<https://www.ncpc.org/topics/crime-against-seniors/marketing-kit>.

We're proud to announce the lineup of esteemed speakers! The online event will begin with the plenary session "Overview of Elder Abuse and Financial Crimes Against Seniors," featuring President and CEO Ann Harkins, National Crime Prevention Council; Assistant Attorney General Karol Mason, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice; Deputy Associate Attorney General Julie McEvoy, U.S. Department of Justice; and Stephanie Whittier Eliason, MSW, Elder Rights Team Lead, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

After the plenary session, the conference will



### Links

- [Registration for Virtual Conference](#)
- [Seniors Marketing Kit](#)
- [National Crime Prevention Council](#)

### About Us

#### National Crime Prevention Council

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feature eight more sessions with expert speakers from the following organizations:

- U.S. Department of Justice
  - National Institute of Justice
  - Office for Victims of Crime
  - Office on Violence Against Women
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - Administration on Aging
  - National Center on Elder Abuse
- FINRA Investor Education Foundation
- Federal Trade Commission
- Executive Office of Elder Affairs (MA)
- National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
- National Center for Victims of Crime
- San Diego, CA, District Attorney's Office
- Lifespan of Greater Rochester
- University of Pittsburgh Azusa Pacific University
- Fairfield Police Department (CT)
- Lee County Sheriff's Office (FL)

We hope to see you online April 10<sup>th</sup>!

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