



VDA WEEKLY E-MAILING

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ACL Weekly Update

Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/NewsInfo/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.nasud.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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Virginia Partners for Care Transitions

When

Thursday June 19, 2014
from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
EDT

[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

This is an online event.

Speakers

April Holmes
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Promoting Better Health Outcomes:

Stanford's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program

A major contributor to healthcare costs is the high number of hospital readmissions, especially for people with chronic diseases. The Chronic Disease Self-Management Program from the Stanford School of Medicine provides individuals with education and tools to help them cope with chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, or arthritis. Research has shown that participants of the program are better able to manage their symptoms, are less limited by their illness, and may spend less time in hospital.

Join us for a free webinar on June 19 at noon to learn more about the program and how you can help individuals with chronic diseases feel better and manage their health.



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Objectives for this engaging learning session include:

1. Describing the Stanford Model for Chronic Disease Self-Management as compared to other models.
2. Explaining how such a program supplements current care transitions and health promotion interventions.
3. Identifying locations of self-management programs in Virginia.
4. Discussing outcomes of this program at the local level.

Learn more about the Stanford School of Medicine Chronic Disease Self-Management Program [here](#).

Who should attend: Hospital leaderships, case/care management staff, transitions coaches, nursing homes, assisted living, hospice services, home health agencies, area agencies on aging, physicians, VHQC care transitions community coalition participants, and community providers

This webinar was developed in collaboration with members of the Virginia Partners for Care Transitions and is sponsored by VHQC, DARS, Riverside Health System and the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging.



Second Input Session to be held for Nutrition Directors

Elaine S. Smith, MS, RD, Program Coordinator

The second of three input sessions will be held on June 11, 2014, 10:00 – 12:00 in the VDA conference room and at several videoconference sites. This is a workgroup to allow AAA nutrition directors and executive directors to suggest practical revisions of the DARS-VDA Title III Nutrition Program Service Standards. Please understand, this is not a forum to compare practices and exchange information among AAAs or for VDA to provide technical assistance. If there is sufficient interest in technical assistance or a sharing type of forum, these may be coordinated for another time.

So far there are 2 remote videoconference sites established:

1. Farmville, 225B Industrial Park Road, Farmville, VA 23901
2. Harrisonburg, 1909 B East Market Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

If you would like to participate in the workgroup videoconference from your area, please reserve a conference room from the DARS list of videoconference sites:

[Videoconferencing \(VTC\) Contacts at DARS sites](#) and let Elaine know by May 29, 2014 which remote location you have reserved. If we don't have a minimum of 5 sites by May 29, we will make the session a conference call. The maximum number of videoconference sites will be limited to ten.

Nutrition directors and executive directors who are interested in working on the service standard revision should review the Older Americans Act and current standards found as follows:

Congregate Nutrition <http://www.vda.virginia.gov/congregatenutrition.asp>

Home Delivered Nutrition <http://www.vda.virginia.gov/homedeliverednutrition.asp>

Older Americans Act:

http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/OAA/oaa_full.asp#_Toc153957692

Sections pertaining to Nutrition: 330, 331, 336, 337, and 339 pertain to congregate and home delivered nutrition. Section 214 pertains to nutrition education. Section 315 pertains to contributions.

In addition, workgroup members should review the documents in the new section in the Service Provider portion of the VDA website which has been established to gather and post documents



relevant to the service standard revision: [Nutrition Program Standards Input Sessions](#) . The notes containing ideas from the first session are found in the Agenda and Notes section. If there is electronic material that you would like the workgroup to consider, or if you are unable to participate in the sessions, but have something regarding revising the service standards for the group to review, you may send it to Elaine.Smith@dars.virginia.gov and it will be reviewed for posting to this section of the VDA website.

We look forward to your participation.

Survey from The Institute for Person-Centered Care

Charlotte Arbogast, MSG, Dementia Services Coordinator



HELP US TO MAKE THE VOICES OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

HEARD IN WASHINGTON DC!

CCAL-Advancing Person-Centered Living is working with the University of Buffalo-Institute for Person-Centered Care on a research project funded by the Retirement Research Foundation and approved by the Internal Review Board at the University of Buffalo.

This is the second round of a survey which aims to develop agreement on priorities for dementia care, research and government from the perspectives of people living with dementia, family care partners and those who provide direct care. As someone with knowledge about dementia, we invite you to take part in this study. You may have responded to the first round – if so THANK YOU! If not, please add your voice by taking part in round 2.

You can call the number below to get help completing the survey over the phone. Or a paper survey and a pre-addressed, postage-paid envelop can be mailed to you if you would prefer this method instead of completing the survey online. The contact details are at the end of this message.



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We will combine the views of everyone who takes part in the survey. We will use the information to help inform federal policy makers about what people feel is important and needed concerning dementia care to better inform and shape their priorities.

Your response by June 6, 2014 would be appreciated.

To take part online click [here](#) or go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CoalesceandConnect2>

To complete the survey over phone contact:

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To request a paper version contact:

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Thank you for helping us make your voice heard!

Appreciatively,

Karen Love, Founder, CCAL-Advancing Person-Centered Living

Davina Porock, PhD, Director UB Institute for Person-Centered Care

Administration for Community Living (ACL) Upcoming Webinars

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant

May 30, 2014

Upcoming Webinars

Please make note of the upcoming webinars listed below.

ACL Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP) Technical Assistance Webinar Series



The purpose of this webinar series is to provide helpful, current, and applicable information for professionals who work with people with dementia and/or their caregivers. Participants will:

- Learn about the persistence of self in persons with Alzheimer's disease and dementia
- Be able to identify how care values of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia differ from caregivers' perceptions
- Be able to identify activity preferences as reported by individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia

Session: Preferences for Care and Lifestyle as Expressed by Persons with Dementia

Thursday, June 12, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET. [Register](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email that includes the link you will need to enter the webinar on June 12th. For instructions on how to connect by phone, please contact Sari Shuman at sshuman@alz.org.

Meaningful Consumer Engagement Webinar Series

Hosted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in collaboration with The Lewin Group and Community Catalyst, this webinar series will provide a platform for participants to discuss ways to ensure the voices of older adults, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers are heard in the design, implementation, and oversight of state demonstrations designed to improve and integrate care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. At the foundation of this two-session series is the [Meaningful Consumer Engagement Toolkit](#) developed by Voices for Better Health for delivery systems to use as they implement effective strategies of consumer engagement.

Session 1: Meaningful Consumer Engagement: Consumer Advisory Committees

Tuesday, June 3, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET. [Register](#)

Session 2: Meaningful Consumer Engagement: Member Meetings

Wednesday, June 11, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET. [Register](#)

First Responders Group Capacity Building Webinar Series

The First Responders Group Capacity Building Webinar Series features webinar-based training events that offer innovative practices and emerging national models on how our nation's emergency management and responder agencies can effectively share incident-critical information, improve emergency communications, and implement solutions that are cost-effective, interoperable, and proven.

June Session: Promising Practices and Technologies for Communicating with Persons with Access and Functional Needs during Emergencies

Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. ET

Pre-registration is not required. [Click here](#) to access the webinar on June 4.



Letter to Local Partners from Richard Brown, Secretary of Finance (Attachment)

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner

Please see the attached letter from Richard D. Brown, Secretary of Finance, regarding state funding for local partners.

Arts Fusion and the Power of Creativity in Dementia Care: An Exhibit of Art and Stories (Attachment)

Charlotte Arbogast, MSG, Dementia Services Coordinator

Arts Fusion and the Power of Creativity in Dementia Care: An exhibit of art and stories created by participants in the Alzheimer's Association Central and Western Virginia Arts Fusion Program

August 15 – October 2, 2014

Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History
975 Main St.

Opening Reception:

Friday, August 15

5:30-7:00 pm

Arts Fusion is the most extensive multi-disciplinary arts program for persons with dementia in Virginia. The program offers interactive creative arts programs that incorporate or “fuse” several art genres, such as music, poetry, dance and visual art. Arts Fusion encourages creative expression, social engagement, and opportunities for success for persons with dementia by shifting focus from lost abilities to remaining strengths.

The expansion of Arts Fusion in the Danville area is the result of a grant from the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region. Artworks and stories from Roman Eagle, Emeritus, Piney Forest and Chatham Health and Rehab will be included in the exhibit at the Danville Museum.

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“What is Arts Fusion?” and “Why the Arts?”

A community-wide information session

August 20, 2014

7:00 – 8:30 pm

The Alzheimer’s Association, in partnership with the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History and the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region, is offering an Arts Fusion information session that is free and open to the public. This session will include an overview of the Arts Fusion program, a look at the value of using the arts in dementia care, and a demonstration on how to engage persons with dementia through the arts. This event is designed for caregivers, both personal and professional, and others who are interested in how the arts can improve the quality of life for persons diagnosed with dementia. It is not intended for the person with a diagnosis of memory loss.

For more information on the Alzheimer’s Association’s Arts Fusion Program contact:

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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Richard D. Brown
Secretary of Finance

P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, Virginia 23218

May 30, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local partners that receive state funding

FROM: Richard D. Brown 

RE: Reimbursement of June expenditures

I understand that questions have been raised about reimbursements for benefits and services provided during the month of June by local departments of social services and other local partners that receive state funding. I want to assure you that these local offices will be reimbursed once a state budget has been approved and payments can be made.

No further information is available at this time, as the Governor and General Assembly continue to work through the budget process. The Governor realizes the necessity of preserving the safety net for low-income Virginians and has no desire to see an interruption in services to those in need. He remains hopeful that lawmakers will conclude their budget negotiations promptly so that essential services can continue to be provided in a businesslike manner.

Thank you for all of your hard work in sustaining Virginia's low-income families.

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