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ACL News & Information

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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ACL Updates: Frequently Asked Questions about Medicare and the Marketplace

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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Medicare and the Marketplace

CMS has published a document of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the intersection of Medicare and the Health Insurance Marketplace. The FAQs are available at the following link: <http://go.usa.gov/NUZ5>. The document will be updated periodically as additional FAQs are addressed.

ACL Updates: Webinar - What Barrier? Minimizing Challenges and Obstacles to Coordinated Transportation Planning to Improve the Participation of People with Disabilities and Older Adults

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Webinar: What Barrier? Minimizing Challenges and Obstacles to Coordinated Transportation Planning to Improve the Participation of People with Disabilities and Older Adults

Wednesday, August 20, 2014, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Eastern Time

The next session of the ACL-funded Inclusive Transportation Project webinar series will address how to ensure the continued active engagement of people with disabilities and older adults in coordinated transportation planning. The presenters will identify potential obstacles and challenges and offer solutions for overcoming and preventing those challenges. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

News Release from the Office of the Governor: VAWorks Job Search
Mobile App

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Governor McAuliffe Announces VAWorks Job Search Mobile App

~ Available for both iPhone and Android, Virginia's new mobile app provides job seekers with a convenient new way to search for jobs ~

App is an extension of the Virginia Workforce Connection website, the Commonwealth's advanced workforce development tool.

RICHMOND – Governor McAuliffe announced today the launch of Virginia's new employment app, VAWorks. Now, wherever Virginians may be in the Commonwealth, they can have thousands of jobs at their fingertips.

"Job seekers in Virginia now have a more convenient way to find employment," stated Governor McAuliffe. "The VAWorks app is an advanced workforce development tool that matches employers with qualified candidates."

Available on iPhone and Android, Virginia's new app provides job seekers with free access to jobs. Using a mobile device, users can search for jobs by occupation, location, or keyword. They can also share their job search activity and information via email or social media. "This mobile app gives today's job seekers an easier way to access thousands of job from more than 16,000



sources, including military, government and federal jobs while on-the-go,” Secretary of Commerce and Trade Maurice A. Jones said.

The VAWorks app is one of many job seeker services available through the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC). App users now have the option to receive notifications from the VEC when new job openings are available, filter their results by occupation and expand job listings to review details and locations. For more information about the VEC or the new mobile app, please contact Joyce Fogg, VEC Director of Communications, at (804) 786-7592 or Joyce.Fogg@vec.virginia.gov.

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Clarification on Area Plan Contracting with For-Profit Entities

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

The Older Americans Act Section 212(a) and (b) requires state agency approval of contracts/service agreements with for-profit entities that provides services to individuals. The Area Plan accommodates this requirement with a place on each service page to indicate whether the service provider is For-Profit (FP) or Not For-Profit (NFP). Please mark the appropriate box for each provider.

Previous guidance indicated documents should be submitted with the Area Plan. Please do not forward these documents to DARS-VDA. Instead, the documents should be maintained on file at the agency and made available when your agency is monitored. The file should include: the agreement, information on all costs incurred, cost sharing information, and that the rates are consistent with the prevailing market rate.

Section 212 further address federal reporting requirements. We are seeking clarification and if there are any policy changes, we will let you know.

However, if your agency is planning a service delivery that is new, innovative, or significantly different from how the service is traditionally provided, and impacts the majority of the service, the agency should provide the appropriate VDA program contact with an opportunity to review and discuss the significant change prior to implementation.



Social Security Administration Changes in Services

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner, for Inez Loyd, SSA

In December, we published information about some upcoming changes to the services we provide at Social Security offices across the country. After consultation with stakeholders and feedback from agency colleagues, we changed the implementation date.

Beginning August 2014, we will no longer issue Social Security number printouts in our field offices. Individuals who need proof of their Social Security number and cannot find their card will need to apply for a replacement card.

We will continue to provide benefit verification letters until further notice to ensure there are no detrimental consequences to those we serve. Benefit verifications are available online and can be obtained anytime by registering for a Social Security account located at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount or requested through our national toll-free number: 1(800)772-1213.

Please share this information with others in your organization, and help us get the word out to all of your members and constituents. To assist your outreach activities, we developed and updated outreach materials on our third party page at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/whatsnew.html>.

I appreciate your continued support helping to inform the American people about these important service changes.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Prince William AAA: Public Awareness Campaign on Financial Exploitation

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner

Please visit the link below to view a successful public awareness campaign on financial exploitation launched by the Prince William Area Agency on Aging.

At the request of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, we put together a local team to develop a public awareness campaign about financial exploitation. The presentation is attached.

An article is attached and the video link with a local victim, a client of ours, is:

<http://youtu.be/sXCGx97JBx8> Trying to do what we can! Courtney



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VA Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse Funding News

Charlotte Arbogast, on behalf of Joyce Martin, VCPEA

Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (VCPEA) funding is available to support local, regional, and statewide training and professional awareness events in Virginia that directly address the problems of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Beginning July 1, 2014, the VCPEA has set aside funds for these purposes on an annual basis. The amount of funding will vary depending on the financial success of the VCPEA, which is shaped by membership dues and revenues from its annual conference in May of each year. Funding



awards will be addressed on a first-come, first-served basis until June 30, 2015. Once allocated funds have been distributed, no other funds will be made available until the next year.

Eligible applicants include any Virginia-based non-profit organization, unit of local or state government, regional authority, or advocacy organization with mission statements, programs, or mandates that are consistent with the mission of the VCPEA: "to assure older Virginians a life free of abuse, neglect, and exploitation." The application guidelines can be found at www.vcpea.org.

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Deadline Extended: Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Awards Application

Charlotte Arbogast, Dementia Services Coordinator

The Family Caregiver Alliance is requesting nonprofit organizations, government agencies and universities to apply for the seventh annual Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Award. Three awards of \$20,000 each will be given to organizations to recognize unique programs that address the needs of Alzheimer's caregivers. One award will be granted in each of three categories:

- Creative Expression
- Diverse/Multicultural Communities
- Policy and Advocacy

The deadline for applications is **September 5, 2014**.

[Click here](#) for more information.



SeniorNavigator Institute for Innovations in Caregiving

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Support, for Kim Tarantino, SeniorNavigator



We are pleased to provide you with the first informational bulletin for the Institute for Innovations in Caregiving! Twice a month you will receive a compilation of articles to keep you informed on: caregiving issues, ideas and resources to help caregivers' physical and emotional well-being, as well as technological advances to improve caregiver health, and more!

For more information on caregiving resources or The Institute, visit www.CaregivingInnovations.org or contact Kim Tarantino at kim@SeniorNavigator.org

Caregiver Health: Take Care of Yourself

[Why Caregivers Refuse Help](#)

By: Carol Bradley

Caregivers frequently feel stressed and many eventually become burned out. A recent study concluded that caregivers of vulnerable people may die four to eight years earlier than they would have had they not taken on a long-term caregiving role. Yet many caregivers even when they have access to safe options for help still come up with excuses to put off (or actively refuse) assistance. [Read more...](#)



Caregiver Support

By: Jill Jin

Sometimes, performing a large number of caregiver tasks leaves little time for the caregiver to tend to his or her own needs. Over time, this can have negative effects on the caregiver: socially, psychologically, and physically. Sometimes, the caregiver becomes an “invisible patient” despite frequent interactions with the medical system, because the focus is always on the person being cared for. In recent years, doctors, social workers, and other family members have become more aware of caregiver burden and ways to address it. [Read more...](#)

The Vicious Cycle of Stress and Poor Health.

By: Chelsea Rice

It’s a delicate line we walk between good health and bad. One day we’re feeling fine, and the next, a busy work week or family emergency can send us over the edge into illness. What’s the culprit? Stress. [Read more...](#)

Caregivers Need Care too!

By: Ronnie Friedland

If you are caring for a loved one, you need to take care of yourself so that you can continue to provide that care. Respite care can help give you a much needed break. [Read more...](#)



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