



VDA WEEKLY E-MAILING

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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 update from NASUAD:

<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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Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

The Drucker Institute has announced a call for applications for the \$100,000 Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation.

All 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible.

Application and more information at www.DruckerInstitute.com

disAbility Law Center of Virginia Survey

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

As the disAbility Law Center of Virginia develops its annual work plan, it seeks input from those interested in furthering its mission to advance and protect the rights individuals with disabilities. The Center asks for individuals to participate in its annual public input survey found at the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Td1Wj14iZXV4H7W3QhYzifCP02cA86vsh4fIIIrcDTc/viewform>

IRS Affordable Care Act Virtual Presentation

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

IRS Affordable Care Act Virtual Presentation: Employer Shared Responsibility and Information Reporting

Due to overwhelming interest we are offering another opportunity for those who were not able to attend the previously scheduled events.

When: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 1 p.m.

How: [Register for this event](#). You will use the same link to attend.



VA Board for People with Disabilities State Plan Public Comment Survey

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities - the Commonwealth's Developmental Disability (DD) Council - is charged by the federal Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) and the Virginians with Disabilities Act to engage in advocacy, system change and capacity building activities which enable individuals with DD or related disabilities to live and fully participate in their communities. DD Councils facilitate policy and program changes; provide training to adults and youth with disabilities and their families, and fund grants and contracts designed to effect sustainable change to the disability service system.

The Board has limited resources and needs your help in identifying priorities for activity over the next 5 years. We hope you will complete the following short survey. Your feedback will shape development of our next five-year federal State Plan, which identifies priorities for activities during Federal Fiscal Years 2017-22. Your responses are confidential. Feedback will be compiled in aggregate only for planning purposes.

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e8k73hr5ho8ylo4x/a016eiapozm46/questions>

Registration Now Open for ADA Seminar

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

ADA 25th Anniversary & Legal Update

Friday, July 17th, 2015

8:00 am - 10:30 am

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

701 East Byrd Street

Richmond, VA 23219

On July 17, 2015, we will host an interactive session with employment lawyer Lynn Jacob and Assistant District Director of the OFCCP's Richmond Office, Heidi Lacy, which updates employers on recent government guidance and court rulings regarding employer and employee rights under the ADA, FMLA and Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act, discusses the OFCCP's expectations and common pitfalls in implementing the OFCCP's revised Section 503 regulations



and provides practical strategies for lawfully managing employees.

[Click here to find more information and to register.](#)

Pilot Program Offering Critical Dental Care for VA. Seniors

Kathy Miller, Director of Programs, Division for the Aging

A team of experienced dentists, hygienists and other volunteers began a yearlong effort on May 1 to demonstrate the value of preventive dental care for seniors in long-term care facilities.

The Virginia Dental Association (VDA) commenced the pilot program at Trinity Mission Health & Rehab, 1150 Northwest Drive in Charlottesville.

By actually having dental professionals on staff, the VDA believes it will demonstrate that tending to the basic oral care needs of residents will improve their overall health, avoid unnecessary emergency treatments and decrease expensive hospital admissions related to dental disease.

The effort is also part of the American Dental Association's "Action for Dental Health" movement, which aims to deliver dental care to seniors living in long-term care facilities.

While federal regulations require nursing homes to provide oral health services, funding is often not available. The situation is expected to worsen because of demographics. Twenty percent of the U.S. population is expected to be over 65 years old by 2050, and five percent will be over 85. The number of teeth at risk will also rise from about 140 million in 1972 to 933 million by 2030.

The cost of routine preventive dental services is low compared to nursing care, pharmacy, and physician services for management of acute disease, according to Dr. Frank Iuorno, a VDA member dentist and chair of the initiative.

"We have high hopes for the pilot program for seniors," says Dr. Iuorno, who says prevention is key to reducing disease among nursing home residents who often stop eating because of poor teeth. Painful chewing can result in illness due to poor nutrition often requiring hospitalization as a result. "We believe ongoing dental care within a long-term care facility will improve the lives of residents and reduce the burden on the health care system."



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Join Us for the BFCC-QIO Program Webinar!

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

http://www.keproqio.com/pdfs/QIO%20Program%20%20FAQ_508.pdf

Save the Date!

We would like to invite you to join us for the Beneficiary and Family Centered Care Quality Improvement Organization (BFCC-QIO) Program Webinar.

KEPRO is the BFCC-QIO for over 30 states. We offer information and assistance to providers, patients, and families regarding beneficiary complaints, discharge appeals, and Immediate Advocacy. During the webinar, KEPRO representatives will present an overview of the role of the BFCC-QIO and the services provided.

What: The BFCC-QIO Program

Who: Healthcare providers and stakeholders

When: June 17, 2015, 2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. EST

Speakers: Nancy Jobe, Outreach Specialist, KEPRO; Jenna Duwenhoegger, Outreach Specialist, KEPRO

Webinar information: To join the webinar, go to <https://qualitynet.webex.com>





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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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NASUAD is proud to announce:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is TODAY!

President Issues Proclamation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Today is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)! The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect.

Presidential Proclamation

The President has issued a proclamation declaring today, June 15th, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The President states:

After a lifetime of contributions to their families, their communities, and our world, older Americans deserve to live free from harm and abuse. As a society, we must lift up our seniors by advancing policies of inclusion and combating ageism wherever it exists. On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, let us join with law enforcement officials, adult protective services professionals, health and human services providers, neighbors, caregivers, and community leaders to strengthen our long-term care systems and redouble our efforts to build communities that safeguard our elders and support long and healthy lives for all people throughout the world.

Click [here](#) to read the full Proclamation.

We hope that you are enjoying planned activities in your state to celebrate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD).

Regards,



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