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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.nasud.org/newsroom/friday-update>

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Aug 4, 2015

[Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Announces Deputy Director](#)

The Administration for Community Living is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Johnson, Ed.D., as deputy director of the [Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#) (AIDD).

Dr. Johnson holds a doctorate in special education from the George Washington University (GW). She has worked at the Department of Health and Human Services for over a decade. She began her career with the federal government in AIDD when it was a part of the Administration for Children and Families. In her most recent position, she led the Office of Program Support for AIDD.

Previously, Dr. Johnson worked in the private sector holding positions in organizations such as the Council for Exceptional Children, the National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education, the National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities, the Institute for Women's Policy Research, and GW. Her work focused on a broad variety of disability



issues, including early care and education, implementation of disability policy, the intersection of disability and diversity, and professional development for educators.

As deputy director of AIDD, Dr. Johnson will assist in providing overall leadership for the agency, including policy direction and management of staff and daily operations.

We look forward to working with Dr. Johnson to improve opportunities for people with disabilities to access quality services and supports, achieve economic self-sufficiency, and experience equality and inclusion in all facets of community life.



UPDATES

August 6, 2015

Webinar: Falls Prevention Awareness Day Resources

Corrected Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015, 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET

September 23 is Falls Prevention Awareness Day! Join the National Council on Aging for a webinar on new resources and tools to use in your falls prevention efforts and Falls Prevention Awareness Day activities. The NCOA's National Falls Prevention Resource Center, along with



the CDC and NIH, will describe new products and highlight innovative Falls Prevention Awareness Day activities from a state coalition. Key falls prevention strategies from NCOA's new National Action Plan will also be discussed with a focus on how state and local organizations can implement specific action steps to advance falls prevention efforts.

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

Save the Date! 2016 Virginia Governor's Conference on Aging

Ali Faruk, Special Assistant to the Commissioner

Monday, May 2, 2016

Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa at Short Pump
12042 W. Broad St., Richmond VA

Join us at the 2016 Virginia Governor's Conference on Aging to address "Designing Our Future" in the Commonwealth. Expanding the ability of individuals to work and save, promoting more options for later life, and creating intergenerational communities and neighborhoods helps all Virginians. Virginia's health care system, communities and public and private services can be designed to encourage people to "age in place" safely and as independently as possible through the development of livable communities.

The conference's three main topics are:

1. Culture Change in Long Term Services and Supports
2. Safety and Financial Security: Older Adults in the new Virginia economy
3. Livable Communities: Overcoming Barriers and Sharing Strategies

To learn more about the Governor's Conference on Aging, email govconf@dars.virginia.gov. The Governor's Conference website will be coming soon at www.vadars.org/conference.

VIRGINIA GRANT PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations



Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:

Monday, September 28, 2015 at 9:00 AM
- to -
Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 12:30
PM (EDT)

Doubletree Hotel
990 Hilton Heights Road
Charlottesville, VA 22901

[Attend Event](#)

Share this event:



Early bird registration for reduced cost (\$160/\$215) has been extended to August 14th.

The Central Virginia (CVA) and Blue Ridge Chapters of the national Grant Professionals Association (GPA) are holding our first ever regional grants conference this September.

This conference will have plenary sessions and concurrent workshops. Our topics will be relevant for new and seasoned grant professionals alike.

CVA GPA has confirmed many exciting speakers representing the Governor's Office of Virginia, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, three foundations, and our GPA region. Workshop/plenary sessions are:

- Making Multidisciplinary Collaboration Work
- Managing Grants, Instilling Investor Confidence
- Opening Doors to Foundation Funding (panel of foundations)
- Nuts and Bolts of Using Logic Models
- Making Sense of the RFP Evaluation Section
- Welcome to GPA and GPC
- You're Expecting Your First Grant (Grant Writing 101)



- Finding, Accessing, Interpreting and Using Public Data

Conference fee includes breakfast both days and lunch on Monday, two sets of three workshops, two plenaries, and a networking session with your fellow Special Interest Group members. For more information on the sessions or details please go to our conference website: <http://cvgpa.my-free.website/virginia-2015-grant-conference>

Members and non-members are welcome to attend. Payment can be made via this site using a credit card. If you need alternate payment methods (e.g. sending a check), please contact us at CVAGPA@gmail.com.

There is a block of hotel rooms available at the Doubletree for \$124/night.

Attendees are responsible for their own rooms. You can call the hotel and ask for a room in our block, group name: Grant Conference. 434-973-2121. Or you can go to our Doubletree event page:

http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CHOSHDT-CVG-20150928/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Questions? Email the Regional Conference Chair, Stacy Ruble, at CVAGPA@gmail.com.

This conference is supported by the Grant Professionals Association and the Grant Professionals Foundation.

Interested in being a sponsor? We would love your support! Go to the tickets listing for more information and opportunities. We also have sponsorship information on our website at <http://cvgpa.my-free.website/virginia-2015-grant-conference>
Share this event on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

We hope you can make it!

Cheers,
Central Virginia Chapter, Grant Professionals Association



VA Housing Development Authority: Housing Counselor News

Kathy B. Miller, Director of Programs, Division for the Aging

Housing Counselor News from the Virginia Housing Development Authority | 877-VHDA-123 | vhda.com



A New Resource from VHDA: How to Be a Successful Renter

VHDA is pleased to announce that the new Rental Education Manual is complete and available on our [website](http://vhda.com). This resource is free for you to share with potential renters, current tenants and colleagues.

The steps to renting are detailed in a 9 chapter curriculum:

1. Are You Financially Ready to Rent?
2. The Ins & Outs of Credit
3. How to Find the Right Place
4. Handling the Application Process
5. Understanding the Lease Agreement
6. Getting Back Your Security Deposit
7. Life as a Renter: Rights & Responsibilities
8. Housekeeping, Maintenance & Repairs
9. The Right Way to Terminate the Lease



Want More Information?

Join us for a discussion about the importance of consumer rental education and a demonstration of our user friendly PDF curriculum. We'll also provide more information about additional rental resources to support housing industry partners and stakeholders. See the session dates below.

Mark Your Calendar

We want your feedback on the manual and ways the curriculum can be implemented. Plan to attend one of 8 discussion locations throughout Virginia.

Register by emailing RentalEducation@VHDA.com.

Please include the session title: VHDA Rental Education Manual in the subject line of your email. Include your name, agency name, and which regional location you plan to attend. Limited seating.

Upcoming Regional Sessions

- **August 6 - Richmond**
Virginia Housing Center
4224 Cox Road
Glen Allen 23060
- **August 7 - Lynchburg**
Lynchburg Public Library
2315 Memorial Avenue
Lynchburg 24501
- **August 12 - Abingdon**
People Incorporated
1173 West Main Street
Abingdon 24210
- **August 13 - Franklin**
Franklin Redevelopment &
Housing Authority
100 West Fourth Avenue
Franklin 23851



- **August 17 - Harrisonburg**
Lucy Simms Center
620 Simms Avenue
Harrisonburg 22802
- **August 18 - Manassas**
Manassas Police Station
9518 Fairview Avenue
Manassas 20110
- **August 27 - Hampton**
Ruppert L. Sargent Building
1 Franklin Street
Hampton 23669
- **August 28 - Exmore**
Eastern Shore of VA
Habitat for Humanity
12143 Bank Avenue
Exmore 23350

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alzheimer's association

and

Virginia Department of Social Services, Division of Licensing Programs

Present

Focus on Quality Activity Service Delivery for Persons with Dementia

24-hour activities training program for activity coordinators

September 10(8:00am-5:00pm), 11(8:00am-5:00pm) & 12(8:00am-4:30pm), 2015

Markel Plaza Building

4600 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 (Innsbrook)

*This training is designed to provide instruction for activity coordinators who provide services to residents/participants with dementia in assisted living facilities or adult day care centers. Activity coordinators for special care units can meet requirements in section 22 VAC 40-72-1100 G. 5. of the Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities (40-hours of training in adult group activities/recognizing and assessing activity needs of residents) by completing this 24-hour program, the first 11-hours of "Building Your Skills for Dementia Care: A Person-Centered Approach" offered by the Alzheimer's Assn., and a 5-hour pre-requisite assignment. **The 5-hour pre-requisite assignment is required of all training participants and will be sent to participants upon registration. The assignment must be completed and brought to the first day of training or the participant will not be allowed to attend. There will be no exceptions. \$50 per person for 24-hour activities training and lunch each day. For directions to Markel Building, refer to the attached directions or call: 804-967-2580.***

Registration is from 8-8:15am each day. The class schedule is very full, please be on time.



Alzheimer's Association and VDSS Activity Training Registration Form

Early registration is encouraged as the class fills up quickly.

Also, remember that the 5-hour pre-requisite assignment must be completed before training begins.

Name: _____

Facility Address:



City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Facility: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Training dates: September 10, 11 & 12, 2015

My check for \$50 is enclosed (*please make check payable to: Alzheimer's Association, GR*)

Please charge \$50 to my: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV No. (3 numbers on back of card) _____

Cardholder Name Printed (as it appears on card) _____

Cardholder signature: _____

Please detach and return with payment to:

Alzheimer's Association, 4600 Cox Rd., Suite# 130, Glen Allen, VA 23060 Fax: 804-967-2588

DIRECTIONS TO THE MARKEL BUILDING

4600 Cox Road

Glen Allen, VA 23060

Phone: 804-967-2580 (Alzheimer's Association)

From 64:

Take EXIT 177 onto 295 SOUTH toward Washington and Norfolk

Take NUCKOLS ROAD SOUTH exit

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FROM 295:



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VA Elder Rights Coalition Forum: Supported Decision-Making (flyer)

Cecily Slasor, on behalf of Kathy Pryor, Virginia Poverty Law Center

The Virginia Poverty Law Center invites you to a forum on supported decision-making. Jonathan Martinis, Legal Director of Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities and Project Director of the National Resource Center for Supported Decision-making will present.



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Thursday, September 10th

**SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING:
Protecting Rights, Ensuring Choices**

Come hear Jonathan Martinis discuss Supported Decision-Making, an important alternative to guardianship, where people make their own decisions while receiving the help they need from trusted persons to do so.

*Virginia Elder Rights
Coalition presents*

Jonathan Martinis

*Legal Director of Quality
Trust for Individuals with
Disabilities and Project
Director of the National
Resource Center for
Supported Decision-
making*

*Park View Apts., 210 S.
Pantops Dr.
Charlottesville*

*10:30 a.m. to 12:30 on
Thursday, September 10th*





NASUAD Friday Updates

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant

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From NASUAD

The HCBS Conference- Register Today!

Join us for the [National Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Conference](#) held in Washington, DC, **August 31-September 3**. The Conference offers a unique blend of policy, program, and practice issues for professionals interested in home and community based services for individuals of all abilities and in all settings. Quickly becoming the "go-to" conference for learning in the expanding field of HCBS and long-term services and supports, the Conference allows states to share best practices, present unique partnerships, and recognize the work of their peers.

The National HCBS Conference will include federal, state, and local policymakers and those who administer, manage, and deliver waiver and other HCBS programs. The Conference always sees a strong presence from U.S. Health and Human Services ranging from the Administration for Community Living including AoA, Office of Disability, and IADD to CMS, HRSA, SAMHSA, Office of Developmental Disabilities, and other federal agencies.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the conference and register!

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HCBS Clearinghouse E-Clips

This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit www.nasud.org/hcbs for more information.

Accessible Transit Services for All Report

The Federal Transit Administration released a report that examines the accessibility, cost efficiency, and effectiveness of public transit for passengers with disabilities. The report provides an assessment of public transit and offers suggestions for improvements that align with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. This report uses 12 case studies to analyze the state of current paratransit practices and highlights the most successful models.

[Click here](#) to access the report and findings.

Medicaid: Key Issues Facing the Program Report

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report on July 30, 2015, addressing key issues in Medicaid and the compilation of previous recommendations the office has made to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The recommendations fall within four overarching areas of access to care, transparency and oversight, program integrity, and federal financing approach. In the past, GAO made over 80 recommendations in regards to Medicaid, but the report shows that 24 of these recommendations have not been implemented by Health and Human Services.

[Click here](#) to access the report and findings.

From the Administration



Administration for Community Living

Disability Resources Available

Disability.gov offers reliable disability information and resources all in one convenient place. The website includes a series of 15 guides about topics ranging from disability benefits to housing assistance to job training programs. Some guides outline services that promote independence for individuals with disabilities as well. The website also offers information about local organizations and programs that promote inclusion and full community participation.

[Click here](#) to access the resources.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Annual Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy Deemed Status Bulletin

The Centers for Medicaid & CHIP Services (CMCS) released an informational bulletin on June 30, 2015, on the subject of annual re-determination of Medicare Part D low-income subsidy deemed status. This information is intended to help states with the process of ensuring coverage for dual eligible beneficiaries. The bulletin informs states that individuals that are fully or partially eligible duals or SSI recipients between July and December 2015 will have their status extended to **December 31, 2016**, and beneficiaries whose status has ended will receive notification from CMS this September.

[Click here](#) to access the bulletin.

Medicaid Expenditure & Enrollment Data Reported by States

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Medicaid expenditure data, which is



reported by states from the Medicaid Budget and Expenditure System (MBES). This data is from the collection form CMS-64 from April 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014.

CMS also released a quarterly report of Medicaid enrollment data that is also reported through MBES. This information reflects the total number of enrollees in Medicaid. Some states have expanded Medicaid, and these states must provide the number of enrollees for each new adult eligibility group. This data was collected from October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

[Click here](#) to access the expenditure data.

[Click here](#) to access the enrollment data.

Department of Labor

Expanding Registered Apprenticeships & Pre-Apprenticeships for People with Disabilities

The Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration released a letter on July 31, 2015, on the subject of expanding registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships to create a pathway to good middle class jobs for youth and adults with disabilities. Research has suggested that registered apprenticeships allow for people with disabilities and minorities to get on track to finding well-paying jobs in the future. The letter references the white paper by the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), which offers recommendations and actions that Federal agencies can take to disseminate information about apprenticeships and increase apprenticeship participation among people with disabilities.

[Click here](#) to view the letter.

[Click here](#) to view the white paper.

White House Conference on Aging



White House Conference on Aging Livestream Videos Available

The White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) occurred on July 13, 2015. The conference included remarks by President Barack Obama, the introduction of several new initiatives from his administration, and distinguished panelists speaking on critical issues. The day-long conference included a panel on intergenerational connections and healthy aging and a discussion on elder justice. Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services released two new websites on aging and long term care to make accessing services easier for consumers. Videos of the entire livestream are now available.

[Click here](#) to view the recorded webcast.

From Other Organizations

Generations United

#TakeAGrandie Photo Challenge

Generations United is holding an intergenerational "selfie" photo challenge to celebrate Grandparents Day, which falls on **September 13, 2015**, this year. You can submit photos on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using the hashtag #TakeAGrandie. Also remember to vote for your favorite photo! All photos must be submitted by **September 13, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to view more details.

National Council on Aging

Webinar: Falls Prevention Resources

Falls Prevention Awareness Day will take place on **September 23** this year. The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is hosting a webinar featuring new



resources and tools for organizations to use in their falls prevention programs. NCOA, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institute of Health, will present strategies, products, and activities. The speakers will include Kathleen Cameron, the Senior Director of the National Falls Prevention Resource Center at NCOA, and Ellen Schneider, a scientist at the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the University of North Carolina and a Consultant for NCOA. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, August 13, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Falls Free Photo Challenge 2015

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is holding a photo contest to promote falls prevention programs for older adults. The photo contest requests submission of high-quality actions shots of older adults participating in falls prevention programs. The winners can receive prizes of Amazon gift cards and have their photos featured in NCOA education efforts. Mark your calendars because this year Falls Prevention Awareness Day occurs on **September 23, 2015**. All photos must be submitted by **August 17, 2015, at 5 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view more details.

Events

New Centers for Independent Living National Onsite Training

The National Council for Independent Living is hosting Liberation to Leadership: The Role of CILs in Transforming Communities, a brand new national onsite training. The event will be held in Berkeley, California, **September 15-17, 2015**. The cost for the event is \$150, and it includes a tour of the Ed Roberts Campus at the University of California at Berkeley. Registration closes on **August 25, 2015**.

[Click here](#) to view the training information.



Jobs & Internships

Seeking Chief Executive Officer for Beatrice State Developmental Center

The Beatrice State Developmental Center (BSDC) is seeking applicants for the position of Chief Executive Officer. The CEO will be responsible for the management of the operational, clinical, and financial aspects of BSDC. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in human services or administration and must be familiar with Federal and State ICV/DD standards. Additionally, the applicants must have management experience working in a facility and be a Qualified Developmental Disability Professional (ODPP). Master's degree or other advanced degree in human services preferred. The posting closes on **Saturday, October 31, 2015.**

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

Seeking Center for Benefits Access Program Manager for National Council on Aging

The National Council on Aging is seeking a Program Manager on Economic Security, specifically in the Center for Benefits Access. The Program Manager will be responsible for developing innovative new programs and ensuring business process are in place to support them, building capacity among current and new grantees through technical assistance and training, conceptualizing, testing, and rollout of new written and visual materials, and collaborating with NCOA staff. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a bachelor's degree with five or more years of experience or a Master's degree with three or more years of experience. The posting closes on **Monday, August 31, 2015.**

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.



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