



*Improving the Lives of Older Adults and People with Disabilities
Through Services, Research, and Education*

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam
Office of the Governor
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Governor Northam:

I am pleased to inform you that the Virginia Commonwealth's State Plan on Aging, under the Older Americans Act, for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023, has been approved.

The State Plan outlines a number of significant activities that will serve as a guide for Virginia's aging service network during the next four years. Of particular note is your commitment to the improvement and enhancement of the aging programs and services provided. This is evident in Virginia's effort to address unaddressed needs, and to serve those most in need. The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Service (DARS) steps to monitor changes in the aging population groups will focus on major changes that will impact Virginia's aging programs over the next decade and beyond.

VA DARS continues to seek opportunities to grow services through ACL grants, other federal agencies, statewide partners, and to seek grants that will enabled the Commonwealth to build capacity, while looking for new opportunities.

I am delighted to see that Virginia continues to serve as an effective and visible advocate for the Older Adults at the State and local levels. The Atlanta Regional Office staff of the U.S. Administration for Community Living looks forward to working with you and the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services in the implementation of the State Plan on Aging. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Rhonda Schwartz, the newly appointed ACL Regional III Administrator in Philadelphia at (267) 831-2329 or Rhonda.Schwartz@acl.hhs.gov. I appreciate your dedication and commitment to improving the lives of Older Adults in Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance Robertson".

Lance Robertson
Administrator/Assistant Secretary for Aging