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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Directors,  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Bill Peterson

**DATE:** March 27, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **Social Model Day Programs**

The Brookdale Foundation has announced their interest in receiving applications for the development of dementia-specific, social model day programs. They plan to fund up to 15 new **Group Respite Programs** and up to 5 **Early Memory Loss Programs** nationwide. New grantees will receive seed grants (\$7,500 in Year 1, renewable at \$3,000 in Year 2), will attend a three-day training conference in November 2007, and will receive intensive technical assistance in developing their respite programs.

Applications are due July 6, 2007 and funding will begin in November, 2007. More information, application forms, and proposal guidelines can be found at the foundation's website: [www.brookdalefoundation.org](http://www.brookdalefoundation.org).

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Directors and Staff,  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Bill Peterson

**DATE:** March 27, 2007

**SUBJECT: Alzheimer's Disease**

I wanted to let you know that the Alzheimer's Association has released a new report: *2007 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures*. This link, [http://www.alz.org/news\\_and\\_events\\_rates\\_rise.asp](http://www.alz.org/news_and_events_rates_rise.asp), will take you to an introductory page, which summarizes some of the revised facts and figures about Alzheimer's disease.

According to the above web page: Alzheimer's disease prevalence rates have risen to more than five million in the United States. Someone develops Alzheimer's every 72 seconds. The Alzheimer's Association also reports that in 2007 there are now more than 5 million people in the United States living with Alzheimer's disease. This number includes 4.9 million people over the age of 65 and between 200,000 and 500,000 people under age 65 with early onset Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. This is a 10% increase from the previous prevalence nationwide estimate of 4.5 million.

Additional links:

This link, [http://www.alz.org/national/documents/Report\\_2007FactsAndFigures.pdf](http://www.alz.org/national/documents/Report_2007FactsAndFigures.pdf), will take you to the full 28-page report.

This link, [http://www.alz.org/national/documents/PR\\_FFfactsheet.pdf](http://www.alz.org/national/documents/PR_FFfactsheet.pdf), will take you to a short fact sheet that gives bulleted information about prevalence, mortality, and the cost of Alzheimer's disease.



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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** Tim M. Catherman  
Director Administrative Services

**DATE:** March 27, 2007

**SUBJECT:** No Wrong Door RFP File Year 2

The Department is pleased to announce the award of the No Wrong Door RFPs for the 2007. They are:

- Bay Aging - March 15, 2007
- Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. – June 15, 2007
- Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Service Board and Area Agency on Aging - August 15, 2007

VDA wishes to thank all of the AAAs that applied. We anticipate offering another round of RFPs for 2008 this fall.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**AND:** Nutrition Directors  
Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Coordinators

**FROM:** Elaine S. Smith, MS, RD  
Program Coordinator

**DATE:** March 27, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Poisoning Prevention for Older Adults

Somehow Poison Prevention Week, March 18-24, 2007 escaped my notice this year. However, I will pass along resources useful for informing seniors on this important topic.

Across all age groups, poisoning continues to be a leading cause of injury related hospitalizations and death in Virginia and nationwide. Of particular concern is the increase in unintentional poisonings. From 1999-2004, a 62 percent increase among unintentional poisoning deaths in Virginia was reported.

Seniors are at special risk for poisoning for a number of reasons. FREE tip cards on Poisoning Prevention for Older Adults are available from the Virginia Department of Health/Division of Injury and Violence Prevention (DIVP). (Personally, I think the cards will be hard for seniors to read due to the small print and white text on red background. However, the information is good and will be useful for caregivers and others.) The card may be accessed at the following link: <http://www.vahealth.org/civp/tipcards/PoisonOlderAdultTipCard.pdf>

To order copies, you may call 1-800-732-8333 or download the DIVP Materials Request Form and fax your order to 804-864-7748. Each tip card is printed with English text on one side and Spanish text on the other. Quantities are limited.

1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100, Richmond, Virginia 23229  
Toll-Free: 1-800-552-3402 (Voice/TTY) • Phone: 804-662-9333 • Fax: 804-662-9354  
E-mail: [aging@vda.virginia.gov](mailto:aging@vda.virginia.gov) • Web Site: [www.vda.virginia.gov](http://www.vda.virginia.gov)

The Community Injury and Violence Program has other resources available for seniors and others at their website [www.vahealth.org/civp](http://www.vahealth.org/civp) including the just published *Virginia Injury Report: A Report on Poisonings in Virginia from 1999 – 2004*. The report is also available by clicking the following link.  
<http://www.vahealth.org/civp/Topics/Virginia%20Poison%20Report%201999%20-%202004.pdf>

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** Janet James, Esq., State Legal Services Developer  
Brenda Briggs, Esq., Legal Services Assistant, Project 2025

**DATE:** March 27, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Virginia Advance Directives Day – Tuesday, April 17, 2007  
Law Day – May 1, 2007  
May 10 -11, 2007 – Save the Date

Please find attached an announcement of **Virginia's Second Annual Advance Directives Day** which is **Tuesday, April 17, 2007**. Please share information with clients, families, and friends of the importance of Advance Directives. If you have questions, please go to [www.vsb.org/sections/hl/advancedirectivesday2007.html](http://www.vsb.org/sections/hl/advancedirectivesday2007.html).

Note that **May 1 is Law Day in the United States** every year. If you want additional information about Law Day programs currently sponsored by AAAs and Legal Aid programs, please contact Brenda Briggs at [brenda.briggs@vda.virginia.gov](mailto:brenda.briggs@vda.virginia.gov).

**May 10-11, 2007. Save the Date.** Janet James, Esq., State Legal Services Developer is planning training for AAAs for May 10 and 11 in **Richmond** regarding **Project 2025: Enhanced Access to Legal Assistance for Older Americans in Virginia**. Please save the date and look for an upcoming announcement with a tentative agenda.

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# Virginia Advance Directives Day



**Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

How to Help:

- Tell Clients, Family, and Friends of the Importance of Advance Directives
- Volunteer to Participate in Advance Directives Day Activities
- Lead by Example—Execute Your Own Advance Directive

For More Information and Forms Visit:

**[www.vsb.org/sections/hl/advancedirectivesday2007.html](http://www.vsb.org/sections/hl/advancedirectivesday2007.html)**

Or Contact Nathan Kottkamp, McGuireWoods,  
(804) 775-1092 or [nkottkamp@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:nkottkamp@mcguirewoods.com)

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