



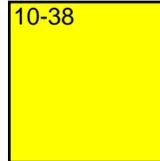
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors and Staff
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Bill Peterson

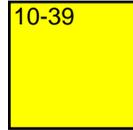
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SUBJECT: Update: Older Americans Month - 2010

Refer to the Tuesday emailing dated 3/16/10. As a follow-up, we are including the 2010 older Americans Month logo and posters.

http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press_Room/Observances/oam/Archive/2010/Materials_Downloads.aspx

As a reminder, we are working with the Governor's Office to obtain a proclamation declaring May as older Virginians Month. We will share this proclamation with you as soon as it is available.



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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: March 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Brookdale Foundation Respite Grants

The Brookdale Foundation Group will be making grants available to qualified organizations for the development of new Dementia-specific, social model day programs. A press release concerning the grants is attached to this email.

The grants will fund up to 40 new Group Respite or Early Memory Loss Program sites nationwide. Applications are due by Thursday, July 1, 2010, with the announcement of new grantees to be made in September. Funding will begin in November 2010. Please visit the Foundation's website at: www.brookdalefoundation.org for further information. The Brookdale Foundation has funded more than 300 agencies to begin social model, dementia-specific respite services in communities throughout the U.S.

Brookdale National Group Respite Program

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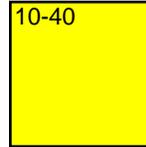
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Seed Grants Available for the Start-up of Dementia Day Programs

The Brookdale Foundation Group has issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the start-up of social model Group Respite or Early Memory Loss programs for people with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers. In November 2010, The Foundation will be awarding up to 40 seed grants for the development of dementia-specific Group Respite programs or specialized programs for people with Early Memory Loss. The grants are \$7,500 for the first year with an opportunity for a second tier grant of \$3,000. Any 501(c)(3) or equivalent not-for-profit service agency wishing to develop a social model, day program for Alzheimer's families is invited to apply. Proposals are due at The Brookdale Foundation Group office in New York on Thursday, July 1, 2010. Award announcements will be made in September 2010.

Applications for the dementia-specific Group Respite program should be based on the best practices discussed in the manual, *How to Start and Manage a Group Activities and Respite Program for People with Alzheimer's and Their Families*. For programs focusing on Early Memory Loss, a replicable model is outlined in the guide: *How to Plan and Implement an Early Memory Loss Program*. To order either of these free publications or to download an RFP application and guidelines, visit www.brookdalefoundation.org. To obtain a hard copy of the RFP and guidelines, contact Evelyn Yuen, TA Resources Manager, BNGRP, 2320 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704, **phone** (510) 540-6734, **fax** (510) 540-6771, **e-mail**: ey@brookdalefoundation.org.

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DATE: March 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Voluntary Income Tax Refund Contribution for Transportation

As you know, Virginia's state income tax return allows citizens to voluntarily designate a portion of their state tax refund to be contributed to various programs including the *Elderly and Disabled Transportation Fund*. This fund provides transportation services to older and disabled Virginians who need help in getting to jobs, medical appointments, grocery stores, and other resources. VDA receives roughly \$80,000 each year through this "check off" program. VDA issues an RFP roughly every two years soliciting requests for transportation-related funding from local agencies.

Please make individuals in your community aware of this option on their tax return. We have attached a flyer that you may use to "get the word out" about this program.

Attachment



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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: March 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Kinship Care

April – Month of the Grieving Child

Karen Gill, Director of Grief Support and Education at Nelsen Funeral Homes and a member of the Virginia Caregiver Coalition, has a schedule of April events to aid children who have experienced a loss and for parents who have lost a child. The list is attached to this newsletter. For further information about these events, contact Karen Gill at kgill@nelsencares.com.

Virginia Child Protection Newsletter (VCPN)

Joann Grayson, Ph.D. of James Madison University is Editor of the VCPN. The Winter, 2010, Volume 87 VCPN Newsletter discusses research on the long-term effects of child maltreatment. Prevent Child Abuse America has funded a study by the Pew Charitable Trusts on the economic impact of child maltreatment. \$103.8 billion is the estimated annual cost of child maltreatment. This includes: hospitalization; mental health care; child welfare services; law enforcement; special education costs; costs of juvenile delinquency; and long-term costs. To access the entire VCPN newsletter, go to: <http://psychweb.cisat.jmu.edu/graysojh/>.

Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Workshop for Resource Parents

Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Workshop for Resource Parents is a PowerPoint-based training curriculum from The National Child Traumatic Stress Network designed to be taught by a mental health professional and foster parent as co-

facilitators. It includes nine case studies of representative foster children from the ages of eight months to fifteen years, as well as case studies of secondary traumatic stress in parents. With a combination of didactic information and exercises, the training can help resource parents understand the link between trauma and their children's often baffling behavior, feelings, and attitudes. It gives resource parents practical tools to help their children move forward from their traumatic pasts, to recognize and reduce the impact of their children's traumas on themselves, and to seek useful support from others. The workshop package includes a *Facilitator's Guide*, a *Participant Handbook*, and a multi-part *Slide Kit*. (2010)

http://www.nctsn.org/ncts/nav.do?pid=ctr_rschnprod_rpc_guide&Type=rpc



“Month of the Grieving Child” Events in Central Virginia - April 2010

April 9th – 11th - Comfort Zone Camp, the nation’s largest bereavement camp for children, will hold a weekend camp session for children ages 7 – 17 who have experienced the loss of a parent, guardian or sibling. To apply for camp or for more information, please visit www.comfortzonecamp.org or contact Sherry Mullins by email at sherry@comfortzonecamp.org or by phone at (804) 377-3430.

April 14th—Full Circle Grief Center will host the Hospice Foundations of America’s Webinar Program, “Bereaved Children and Adolescents: Lessons from Research,” 1-2:30 p.m. This seminar offers information about two of the most significant research projects to date on the effects of parental loss on children and adolescents, offering insights not only on the experience of grief in children and adolescents, but also on the factors that can help identify the children most at risk. This webinar is essential for all who work with children and adolescents, including social workers, guidance counselors, child life professionals, counselors, educators, clergy, and funeral directors. Registration: Mail check for \$7.00 to Full Circle Grief Center, at PO Box 29066, Richmond VA 23242. Questions? Contact Allyson Drake at allyson@fullcirclegriefcenter.org.

April 16th—4-7 p.m.; Full Circle Grief Center will host an Open House Art Show, “Pieces of Our Grief,” artwork created by children, teens, and adults from Full Circle's grief support groups. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. Full Circle Grief Center, 10611 Patterson Avenue, Richmond VA 23238. No cost for admission, but donations accepted. Questions? Contact Susie Nash at susie@fullcirclegriefcenter.org.

April 19th – May 24th – Free support group for children, teens, and adults, offered by Comfort Zone Camp. Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 11220 Nuckols Rd. Glen Allen VA 23060. Registration forms are online at www.comfortzonecamp.org/Grief-Resources.

April 23rd -24th—“Where is God in Our Grief?” A retreat for bereaved parents, offered by Hank and Peggy Graeser, bereaved parents and hosts of Bryan’s Oasis. Retreat will be at the Shalom House Retreat Center in Montpelier, VA. Although the focus will be from a Biblical and Christian viewpoint, the retreat is open to grieving parents of any religious persuasion who are willing to explore the answer to this question with others in a safe and accepting atmosphere. Contact the Graesers at graeserh@comcast.net or 804-796-2021.

April 29th—8:30 a.m.—3 p.m., at Children’s Hospital, 2924 Brook Rd., Richmond VA 23220. “Clergy End of Life Education Program on Children, Death, and Grief” is provided by Odyssey HealthCare. Topics include Cultural Considerations, The Dying Process, End of Life Options, The Grief Process for Children, and After the Death of a Child. The workshop would benefit all who minister to the sick and bereaved—clergy, chaplains, social workers, bereavement coordinators, etc. To register, contact Catherine Shaffer at 290-4300.