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Department for the Aging

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Linda Nablo, Commissioner

DATE: April 27, 2010

SUBJECT: Program Monitoring using PeerPlace

Most of the No Wrong Door (NWD) area agencies have been using the PeerPlace system for the past year. These agencies should now be using the system to enter all client data, including assessments and progress/case notes. VDA is anxious to begin using the system to improve the efficiency of the program monitoring process. Please be aware that as of May 1, 2010, all new client assessments and client reassessments must be entered into PeerPlace in a timely manner. If assessments that are completed after May 1st are not up to date in PeerPlace during a routine scheduled monitoring, a finding will be issued in the monitoring report. If your agency's staff is having difficulty entering data in the PeerPlace system, please contact Christy Miller at the help desk at (804) 662-9559 or NWDHelp@vda.virginia.gov.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Agencies on Aging

FROM: Ellen M. Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: April 27, 2010

SUBJECT: Intergenerational and Kinship Care Program News

Virginia Caregiver Coalition and Kinship Care

Mark your calendars now for an exciting and informative meeting of the all-volunteer Virginia Caregiver Coalition on May 20, 2010. The meeting will be held in the VDA conference room at 9:30 A.M. Access to the meeting will also be available at various video conference sites. So far, Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc; Fairfax County DSS; Newport News Health Department, and Madison County Health Department are confirmed video conference sites. Melinda Perez-Porter of the renowned Brookdale Foundation will give us an update on the general status of kinship care in the United States and the famed Brookdale Relatives as Parents Program. Leading Virginia kinship care authorities will address the group. Presenters include, Lyndell Lewis, Virginia Department of Social Services; Nancy Coffey, Fairfax County Kinship Care Program; Kathy Dial, Catholic Charities of Southeastern Virginia Kinship Care Program, and Patty Bailey of Mountain Empire Older Citizens' Children's Programs. A business meeting featuring Ms. Ishan C. Williams, PhD., Assistant Professor, University of Virginia, School of Nursing, and the election of FY2011 officers will conclude the meeting. Ms. Williams will discuss a UVA project to survey caregivers of Alzheimer's families.

For further information, please contact Ellen Nau at 804-662-9340.

Funds Available for Aging Justice Project

The [Women's Policy Institute's Replication for Aging Justice Project](#) will support a planning year for partners to replicate an intergenerational policy advocacy training program on aging issues for grassroots activist women. The *Aging Justice Project's*

long-term goal is to equip women advocates with the capacity to articulate policy goals, mobilize constituencies and lobby successfully for policies that ensure everyone can lead fulfilling, healthy and prosperous lives as they age. [Proposals are due on June 11.](#)

2010 National Family Caregiving Awards Program

The National Alliance for Caregiving and MetLife Foundation are pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the 2010 National Family Caregiving Awards Program. The request for applications is available online at http://web.raffa.com/nac/caregiver_awards.

Award categories include: caregiver education, caregiver support, and older caregivers caring for adult children with disabilities. For further information, contact Kathleen Cameron at kathleen56@caregiving.org.

Generations United

GU's [2010 Intergenerational Photo Contest](#) is accepting entries until June 15, 2010! This year's contest is open to amateur photographers of ALL ages. Submit online via [GU's Flickr group](#). **Special Notice for Photographers under age 23:** If you do not have a camera, e-mail your name, age, address, email, and a short essay (200 words max) on why you should receive a camera and what intergenerational activity you are planning on capturing to Roxana Martinez at rmartinez@gu.org. Eight entries will be selected to receive a Canon PowerShot A460 Digital Camera.

Fostering Connections Notice Requirement

GU, the American Bar Association and many other partners have released a new guide, ***Key Considerations for Implementing the Fostering Connections Notice Requirement***. This guide outlines the components required by the Fostering Connections and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 in order to comply with a new provision requiring states or tribes to notify all adult relatives when a child is removed from the custody of a parent. For a full list of resources on the new law, visit GU's [page dedicated to Fostering Connections](#).



10-57

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

AND: Nutrition Directors
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Coordinators

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

DATE: April 27, 2010

SUBJECT: CHAMPION Active Aging Training

CHAMPION is holding training for an Active Aging program and would like to market this to interested groups. Attached are fliers for the Chesterfield and Fairfax trainings. The program primarily focuses on creating a strategic plan for improving physical activity for seniors by addressing barriers to the walkability of the community and including tools for promoting an 8 week walking program. The program is a framework that could easily be adapted for use in senior centers, churches, adult day homes, etc.

If you know of groups in these two areas that would be interested in the training, please spread the word!

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Other areas that are being considered for Active Aging training are Harrisonburg and Roanoke.

For more information, please contact:

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CHAMPION Website: <http://www.vahealth.org/WIC/Champion>

Does your organization want to help older adults participate in safe physical activity?

Do you want to help enhance older adults' independence, mobility and health?

If you've answered 'YES!' then VDH cordially invites you to attend:



Please register at:
http://www.vahealth.org/WIC/Champion/pages_form/index.htm

Or Contact Heidi Hertz:
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Come join the CHAMPION TEAM on May. 20, 2010 from 1-4pm at the Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon, VA as we work together to create healthy, active communities!



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Come join the CHAMPION TEAM on **May. 5, 2010** from 1-4pm at the Pocahontas State Park, in the Heritage Conference Center in Chesterfield, VA as we work together to create healthy, active communities!

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