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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Bill Peterson

DATE: November 23, 2010

SUBJECT: "Unlocking the Silent Prison": Article in Parade Magazine

The 11/21/10 issue of *Parade Magazine* included an article titled "Unlocking the Silent Prison". This article provided information about how some caregivers of person's with Alzheimer's are learning new ways to communicate with their loved ones. See the link below. Note: [~ Å æ Å ^^ å Å] depress and hold the CTRL key and @ } Å click the link

<http://www.parade.com/health/2010/11/21-unlocking-the-silent-prison.html>



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Jim Rothrock, Interim Commissioner, VDA

DATE: November 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Housing Report

Last Thursday, the Governor's Housing Policy Work Group and Advisory Committee released its Interim Report to the Governor summarizing its progress and recommendations since the Governor's issuance of Executive Order #10 in April.

Here is a link to the electronic version of the report, which contains a very helpful summary on pages i-ii:

<http://www.virginiahousingpolicy.com/pdf/2010%20Nov%2018%20Interim%20Housing%20Policy%20Framework%20Report.pdf>

While there is undoubtedly an enormous amount of work ahead in planning for livable communities in the Commonwealth, this Interim Report is an encouraging step in the right direction because it clearly embraces the notion that housing is a determining factor in the quality of life experienced by residents of any community. As a testament to this, observe that no fewer than 10 of the report's 19 recommendations speak directly to key elements of the livable communities planning for older Virginians and people with disabilities.

Check out the following sections of the report which have special implications for people with disabilities and older Virginians:

- Expanding housing options: Community design, mixed-use and mixed-income development, visitability and Universal Design (P. 7-10)
- Ensuring a continuum of housing options for special needs populations (P. 12-13)
- Addressing local barriers and NIMBYism for affordable housing and housing for special populations (P. 13)

- Addressing concerns regarding non-compliance with federal fair housing accessibility requirements (P. 13)

This represents a large number of opportunities and your review and support is encouraged.

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