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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors, Information & Referral Specialists, Care Coordinators
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Patricia Cummins

DATE: November 30, 2010

SUBJECT: Survey of Interest in CIRS-A Certification Exam

The Virginia Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (VAIRS) tentatively plans to offer certification testing for Certified Information and Referral Specialist - Aging (CRS-A) in Roanoke at the end of February. See below for a CIRS-A description.

Before setting up a certification test date and making arrangements, VAIRS needs to know the level of interest among AAA staff in taking the exam and becoming CIRS-A certified.

Please share this information with Information & Referral Specialists and other appropriate staff and contact me at pat.cummins@vda.virginia.gov by **Tuesday, Dec. 7** indicating the number of individuals interested in taking the exam.

CIRS-A:

CIRS-A is a professional credential awarded by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) to individuals who have demonstrated through the program that they have the knowledge, skills, attitude, and work-related behavior required by I & R specialists working in the aging area to successfully execute their duties.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: November 30, 2010

SUBJECT: Caregiving

The National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC)

NAC is conducting a survey on technology and its impact on family caregivers. The objectives of this survey include:

Understanding the frequency of both Internet and device technology being used by caregivers;
Understanding the impact of technology on both the caregiver and the care recipient;
and
Determining the unmet technological needs of the caregiver

Please have some of your family caregiver clients visit : www.caregiving.org and take part in this important survey.

**Webinar: "Caregiving 101: Exploring the Complexities of Family Caregiving"
December 7, 2010 2:00 P.M. EST**

The webinar will offer insight on the characteristics of family caregivers, contributing factors to caregiver stress, emerging issues and barriers that affect family caregivers and the importance of validating the family caregiver experience. This webinar is useful for staff and volunteers who are interested in gaining a broad understanding of what it means to be a family caregiver. Presenter: Donna Schempp, LCSW
To RSVP, visit: [Caregiving 101: Exploring the Complexities of Family Caregiving](http://www.caregiving.org).

The National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA) and the National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) joined together to recognize, support and advise caregivers. The organizations' ***Caregiving Its not all up to you*** outreach campaign is supported by Eisai, Inc.