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ACL News & Information

Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

<https://acl.gov/>

ADvancing States (NASUAD) Information

Here is a link to state technical assistance from ADvancing States:

<http://www.advancingstates.org/state-technical-assistance/enhancedtechnical-assistance>

Welcome Hollie Lutz, No Wrong Door Project Specialist

Sara Link, No Wrong Door Director

Please join us in welcoming Hollie Lutz to the No Wrong Door Virginia team! Hollie is our new No Wrong Door Project Specialist and will be responsible for the development, collaboration and implementation of information and outreach made available via the No Wrong Door System Tools and Person Center Portal on the Virginia Easy Access website: [Easy Access](#).

Her other duties include project support and development, marketing and outreach to communicate with key providers, and updating guidance documents and training materials. She will engage in cross agency collaboration and implementation of No Wrong Door key projects and technology enhancements across other state agencies and private sector providers with a focus on the I/DD population.

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Hollie joins DARS with more than a decade of experience in the national Feeding America network of food banks. Most recently she served as the Director of Equitable Access to improve programs for children, seniors, and people in rural areas. Hollie holds a Masters degree in Gender and Women's Studies from DePaul University in Chicago. She now lives in Richmond with her senior pug, and enjoys traveling, reading, and volunteering with Meals on Wheels.

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AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Annual Update on Aging in Virginia

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (virtual)

The Virginia Center on Aging and the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services are pleased to invite you to the Annual Update on Aging, formerly known as VCoA's *Legislative Breakfast*. We're excited to share our work and demonstrate how it advances the health, well-being and equity for the elders of today and tomorrow. We hope you'll join us and our efforts to make the Commonwealth a place where people thrive at every age.

We look forward to this opportunity to “see” our colleagues from across the Commonwealth at this virtual event.

[Register](#)

AARP Community Challenge

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The sixth annual [AARP Community Challenge](#) will be released in January 2023! This opportunity seeks to create vibrant places, deliver a range of transportation and mobility options, support affordable housing, ensure DEI is considered in built and social environments, and support community or civic engagement to leverage funding options. To review past grantee projects or ways to apply, [check out the AARP Community Challenge website!](#)

LeadingAge Virginia: Scholarship Opens for Advanced Certified Nurse Aide Course in Northern VA

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News Release

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Scholarship Opens for Advanced Certified Nurse Aide (ACNA) Course in Northern Virginia

LeadingAge Virginia addressing nursing and workforce shortage with scholarship opportunity

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – LeadingAge Virginia – a statewide association of not-for-profit aging services organizations – is helping to address the health care workforce shortage in nursing homes located throughout Northern Virginia.

The organization announced today that it is currently accepting applications for 15 scholarships (\$2,500 each). Scholarships will cover tuition for an [Advanced Certified Nursing Aide Course](#) that takes place from February 6 through April 17, 2023. CNAs are encouraged to complete the [application](#) and submit it no later than January 27, 2023.

The course is being offered in partnership with [Northern Virginia Community College \(NOVA\)](#). The Advanced CNA curriculum includes a combination of virtual and classroom learning, clinical coursework, and clinical rotations required for the advanced certification planned to occur at [Goodwin House Alexandria](#).

LeadingAge Virginia president and CEO Melissa Andrews says the program will continue to help fill critical workforce needs throughout the aging services sector in Virginia.

“The past few years have put a spotlight on the current nursing workforce and the need for more health care workers in Virginia. This grant allows us to support future health care providers in our own community through a program with best-in-class partners – a longtime LeadingAge Virginia member who is widely recognized for excellence and educational training,” said Andrews.

The program is a continuation of a grant awarded to LeadingAge Virginia in 2021 from the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), using funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) Reinvestment program. The grant afforded the opportunity for 30 CNAs to receive scholarships to develop leadership skills and improve patient care within their communities. To date, 15 CNAs completed the Advanced CNA course, and LeadingAge Virginia is pleased to provide 15 additional scholarship opportunities. Students who complete the coursework will be eligible to receive certification through the Virginia Board of Nursing as Advanced Certified Nurse Aides.

“We are pleased to be champions of this program and highlight the compassionate people who make a difference in the lives of residents and the community,” said Josh Bagley, Interim Executive Director with The View Alexandria by Goodwin Living. “This exemplary, hands-on training through our partnership allows more CNAs to cultivate strong leadership skills and progress in their career path.”

For more information, and to apply to participate, please visit the program’s [website](#).

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About LeadingAge Virginia

LeadingAge Virginia is an association of not-for-profit aging services organizations serving residents and clients across the senior care continuum including life plan/continuing care communities, senior housing, assisted living, nursing homes, adult day centers, and home and community-based services. For more information, please visit <https://leadingagevirginia.org/>.