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<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>

Commonwealth Council on Aging 2023 Best Practices Awards

Charlotte Arbogast, MS, Senior Policy Analyst

The **Commonwealth Council on Aging** is sponsoring the **2023 Best Practices Award Program** targeted to organizations serving older Virginians and their families. The awards will be given to innovative programs and services that assist older adults to age in the community. The Commonwealth aims to recognize creativity in services, such as livable communities, home and community based supports, transportation, housing, caregiver supports, intergenerational programming, and more. The Council believes the door is wide open for creative best practices.

Complete instructions, nomination forms, and information on previous Best Practices Award winners are posted on the DARS Aging Boards and Councils website under "News and Information" found here:

<https://www.vda.virginia.gov/boardsandcouncils.htm>.

Nominations for the 2023 awards must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2023.

The Council is pleased to support the following awards to the top winners: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place. The Council will also recognize up to three honorable mention programs. Award winners will be notified in late March.

The Council thanks Dominion Energy and AARP Virginia for sponsoring this initiative.

Healthy Brain Virginia Partner Update/Webinar

George Worthington, Dementia Services Coordinator

Greetings,

You are invited to attend to the Healthy Brain Virginia Partner Update series, which will begin on **Tuesday, February 21st, at 2 p.m.**

This three-week webinar will provide an update on the Healthy Brain Initiative, highlight our four mini-grant recipients, and discuss community outreach and collaborations, as well as trainings and support for providers and community members.

Please see the attached flyer to register!

Hope to see you there!

Best,

Rachel Coney

Brain Health Coordinator, Division of Prevention Health Promotion
Office of Family Health Services



Join Us for Healthy Brain Virginia Partner Update Webinars

Date: February 21 at 2pm

Topic: Engagement with Community Members and Providers

[Register Here](#)

This session will provide an update on the Healthy Brain Initiative efforts and will highlight Virginia Commonwealth University for the Virginia Memory Project. Dr. Annie Rhodes, Assistant Director-Richmond Brain Health Initiative, will speak about the Virginia Memory Project and engagement practices that promote equity and awareness. shorturl.at/nDL24

Date: February 28 at 2pm

Topic: Success Stories and Collaboration

[Register Here](#)

The Virginia Department of Health will present the most recent data and feedback from the partner survey on Brain Health and Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia. Insight Memory Care's Melissa Long will speak about their success in outreach and collaborating with community members and providers. shorturl.at/jmqHI

Date: March 7 at 2pm

Topic: Implementing Strategies

[Register Here](#)

This presentation will emphasize the significance of education and resources for providers and healthcare professionals. Denise Scruggs of the University of Lynchburg's Beard Center on Aging and Joyce Nussbaum of the Valley Program for Aging Services will speak about how they are implementing education and trainings for community and provider members. shorturl.at/bkABR

For more information, visit:
vdh.virginia.gov/brain-health/