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Helpful Links

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>

Virginia Draft State Plan for Aging Services

Charlotte Arbogast, MS, Senior Policy Analyst

The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) has posted the DRAFT State Plan for Aging Services (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2027) on its website for public comment.

In accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to § 51.5-136 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), as Virginia's designated State Unit on Aging, is mandated to submit a State Plan for Aging Services to the U.S. Administration on Community Living (ACL), the Governor, and the General Assembly.

Guided by federal requirements and grounded in a comprehensive needs assessment process, DARS developed the DRAFT State Plan for Aging Services in collaboration with older Virginians and caregivers as well as the state's aging network, state agencies, Virginia universities, and stakeholder organizations.

To review the DRAFT State Plan for Aging Services (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2027), please visit: <https://vda.virginia.gov/stateplans.htm>.

Public comments on the DRAFT State Plan for Aging Services can be submitted the following ways:

- Email: StateAgingPlan@dars.virginia.gov
- Mail: DARS, C/O Charlotte Arbogast, 8004 Franklin Farms Drive, Henrico, VA 23229
- Fax: 804-662-7663

The deadline to submit public comments on the DRAFT State Plan for Aging Services is **May 5, 2023**.

The final State Plan for Aging Services must be submitted to ACL by July 1, 2023, and to the Governor and General Assembly by **October 1, 2023**.



Dr. Thelma Bland Watson Legacy Sponsor



Virginia Housing has been committed to supporting the Virginia Governor's Conference on Aging since it was reinvigorated in 2016 by Dr. Thelma Bland Watson, former Commissioner James Rothrock and a group of other passionate advocates that understood the importance of convening the aging network from across the Commonwealth. As the lead sponsor for this year's conference, we honor their commitment to elevating aging in the Commonwealth and look forward to recognizing them throughout VGCOA 2023. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

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programs, focusing on under-insured and uninsured individuals. Centene is proud to sponsor the 2023 VA Governor's Conference on Aging.





2023 Sponsorship Opportunities!

Why Sponsor?

- Join over 400-450 aging advocates, decision-makers, community leaders and policymakers for two days in Richmond
- Conference attendees are diverse, including state and community leaders, academia, members of the public and private sector, employed in healthcare and social services, housing and transportation, and a vested interest in the future of aging in the Commonwealth
- Repeated brand visibility in electronic mailings, social media, and website
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Conference Attendee Spots are limited. Don't miss your chance to be a part of the conversation.

Visit the Conference website **vgcaging.com** to register and view hotel room block details.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATES

FULL REGISTRATION: \$195

ONE-DAY REGISTRATION: \$120

DEMENTIA CAPABLE SUMMIT: \$25

[Learn more about the Conference Program!](#)

MEET OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER!

We are thrilled to announce our keynote speaker, **Bradley Schurman**.



Bradley Schurman is an expert on demographic change and population aging and how these forces disrupt social, cultural, political, and economic norms across the United States and around the world. His deep understanding of these shifts, when coupled with his grasp of emerging tastes and trends, makes him an authoritative voice into the future of everything.

He's the author of *The Super Age: Decoding our Demographic Destiny* and the founder and CEO of the global strategic foresight and inclusive design firm, The Super Age. He's written for Newsweek, been quoted by The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, and USA Today, and regularly appears as a guest on podcast, radio, and television shows around the world.

Stay tuned for more information about his keynote session and other exciting announcements about our partnership!

[Learn more about the Conference Program!](#)

The 2023 VGCOA program will explore the spectrum of aging services in Virginia, providing a forum for discussion about what is currently happening, how we responded over the past two years, and what we see on the horizon.

Over the course of two days, the following sessions will be held, including a range of individual presenters, groups, and panels. **More details about selected break-out sessions and presenters can be found online.**

Monday, May 8

8:30-9:30am | Registration Open, Networking & Exhibits

9:30-10:45am | Opening General Session

11-11:45am | Breakout sessions

Noon-1:30pm | Keynote & Lunch

1:45-2:30pm | Breakout sessions

2:45-3:30pm | Breakout sessions

3:30-4pm | Networking & Snack Break

4:00-5pm | Breakout sessions

5:30-7pm | Reception

Tuesday, May 9

7:00-8:30am | Registration Open, Continental Breakfast & Networking

8:00-9:00am | Breakout sessions

9:15-10:15 | Breakout sessions

10:15-10:45 | Networking & Snack Break

10:45-11:45 | Breakout sessions

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[A tentative schedule can be found here.](#)

IMPORTANT Date Change!

May 8-9, 2023

Virginia Governor's Conference on Aging

Both events will be hosted at the Richmond Marriott in Downtown Richmond, 500 East Broad Street, Richmond, Va.

The Conference and planning process is successful because of dedicated community partners, volunteers, and sponsors. **If you are interested in being part of the VGCoA Steering Committee please contact VGCoA Conference Manager, Martina James, martina@vgcoa.com**

May 10, 2023

Virginia Dementia Capable Summit

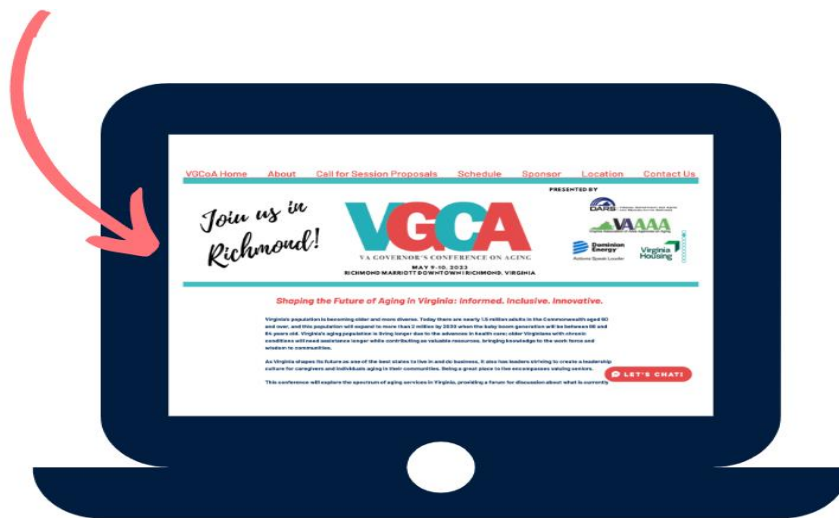
*** Virginia Dementia Capable Summit tickets can be bought as a stand alone ticket. VGCOA registration is not required to attend the Summit.**

This is a special one-day pre-session. The Summit, presented by the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission, DARS, and the Virginia Department of Health, will have a particular focus on advancing brain health and dementia risk reduction and will be a great opportunity to learn about the Dementia State Plan and provide input into the next version of the Plan.

Interested in receiving more information as it is announced? Use the button below to be added to the mailing list!

[Visit the Virginia Dementia Capable Summit page of the Conference website](#)

[I am interested in attending the Summit and would like more information when available!](#)



VISIT THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE!

Stay up to date with all VGCA news and updates on our new website!

[Access the VGCA Website Here!](#)



VGCoA's Webinar Series

We are looking to schedule webinar topics for 2023!

If you are interested in participating in our webinar series as a speaker, or have another speaker or topic you would like us to pursue, please contact

Conference staff member, Gillian Saul with your proposed webinar discussions/panels/presentations.

[Email Gillian Saul](#)

Have questions?

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Fraud Alert: Scammers Steal Money From the Public Through Fake HHS Websites and Social Media Schemes

Kathy B. Miller, Director of Aging Programs

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG) is alerting the public to a fraud scheme that uses social media and fake websites to steal money from individuals by offering fake HHS grants.

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The scheme involves scammers pretending to offer you grants from HHS and asking for payment or personal information to receive the fake grants. Scammers may use various social media platforms and chat applications to contact you and direct you to fake websites, online chats, chat boxes, or live customer support in order to lure you into providing your personal or financial information. These scammers may pretend to be a “friend” or someone from HHS. Although the precise message may vary, the scammer provides fake HHS employee information or a link to a fake HHS website, tells you that you will receive free Government grant money, and then asks you for money or personal information.

Do not pay scammers. HHS will never ask you to pay money to receive a grant. Scammers may ask you to send gift cards or money to cover processing and/or delivery fees. Do not respond to, pay, or share any financial information with anyone contacting you via social media, email, or otherwise offering free HHS grants or money.

Do not share your personal information. HHS will not message you through social media to begin a grant application. Scammers may offer fake HHS grant money in exchange for personal or financial information, such as your Social Security number, date of birth, address, bank account number, login information, or copies of your personal identification.

Do not be fooled by spoof websites. HHS websites always use a .gov domain. HHS does not use .org, .com, or .us domains.

Report grant scams. Never respond to any schemes that try to get you to pay money or give your personal information for an HHS grant.

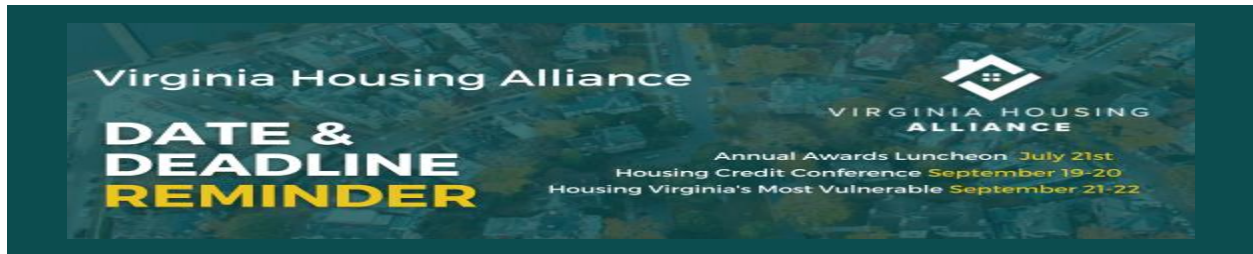
If you receive such a call or message, [submit a hotline complaint](#) or call **1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477; TTY 1-800-377-4950).**

HHS OIG Hotline [TIPS.HHS.GOV](https://tips.hhs.gov)
[1-800-447-8477](https://tips.hhs.gov)

TTY: [1-800-377-4950](tel:1-800-377-4950)

Federal Trade Commission

[Report Fraud to the FTC](#)



VHA SERIES TRAINING

Please see the bottom of the Email for the Correct Dates for HVMV and HCC
 VHA is eager to share with you our many exciting events and trainings coming up! As always, we are committed to keeping you informed and in the loop about all the latest news and developments at VHA.

THE EVICTION PROCESS	FAIR HOUSING BREAKDOWN	LANDLORD TENANT LAW
MAY 3RD 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM	MAY 10TH 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM	MAY 18 TH 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM
 <p>Training will cover recent updates and changes to Virginia's eviction laws, including the impact of COVID-19 on the eviction process.</p> <p>Christie Marra, ESQ <small>Director of Litigation Central Virginia Legal Aid Society</small></p>	 <p>Training covers the Fair Housing Act's requirements for reasonable modifications and accommodations for disabled tenants and discrimination based on the source of tenant funding.</p> <p>Marty Wegbreit, ESQ <small>Director of Litigation Central Virginia Legal Aid Society</small></p>	 <p>Training covers common landlord-tenant issues, such as tenancies, leases, fees, deposits, maintenance, housing conditions, ending tenancy, sales, rent payment, evictions, and tenant tips.</p> <p>Marty Wegbreit, ESQ <small>Director of Litigation Central Virginia Legal Aid Society</small></p>

VHA Training sessions are proudly in partnership with The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Our training series is designed to provide the latest and most comprehensive skills to the housing provider and healthcare community. We invite you to join us at any of our three May events, which are free for VHA members and available for only \$10 for non-members. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enhance your knowledge and skills!

REGISTER HERE

[The Eviction Process](#)- May 3rd, 11 am-12 pm Learn about Virginia's eviction law post covid!

[Fair Housing Breakdown](#)- May 10th, 11 am-12 pm Learn about requirements for reasonable modification and source of funding discrimination

Landlord Tenant Law- May 18th, 11 am-12 pm Learn about common landlord-tenant issues

But that's not all - we have several events on the horizon. Our Annual Awards Luncheon is set for July 21st. This event promises to be an inspiring time celebrating dynamic leaders in the housing industry.

Additionally- the Housing Credit Conference on September 19th-20th, and Housing Virginia's Most Vulnerable on the 21st-22nd of September.

We'll be sure to keep you updated as we finalize the details of these events. If you have any questions regarding events or trainings please reach out to our Education and Event Associate at ajordan@vahousingalliance.org. In the meantime, we encourage you to save the dates and make plans to join us. We look forward to seeing you there!





**National Financial Literacy Month:
Advice for Older Consumers About Bankruptcy**

April is National Financial Literacy Month, which aims to raise awareness and promote financial education among individuals and communities. Emerging from the pandemic, an increasing number of older consumers are experiencing problems with debt. The poverty rate for individuals over 65 has increased dramatically over the last year. Many of these older consumers are turning to credit cards and other forms of debt to survive. Older consumers overwhelmed with debt may want to consider whether bankruptcy is a viable option – learn more in our practice tip on [Advice for Older Consumers About Bankruptcy](#).

Read the Practice Tip

Additional Resources for Financial Literacy Month:

- Webinar: [Strategies for Responding to Debt Collectors](#)
- Issue Brief: [Medical Debt Strategies for Older Consumers](#)
- Webinar: [Legal Basic: Bankruptcy](#)
- Chapter Summary: [Debt Collection Protections for Older Consumers](#)
- Webinar: [Assisting Older Borrowers in Navigating the Changing Federal Student Loan System](#)

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adults. Contact NCLER at

ConsultNCLER@acl.hhs.gov.

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Federal Agency Name: AmeriCorps

Funding Opportunity Title: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Volunteer Generation Fund

Announcement Type: Initial Announcement

Assistance Listing Number: 94.021

Kathy B. Miller, Director of Aging Programs

Summary Statement:

AmeriCorps announces a competitive grant funding opportunity in support of its Volunteer Generation Fund to strengthen nonprofit and other social service organizations' ability to recruit and retain mission critical volunteers. AmeriCorps expects to make available up to \$8.558 million for programs that meet critical community needs through service. With these investments, AmeriCorps seeks to fund effective approaches that expand volunteering, strengthen the capacity of volunteer connector organizations to recruit and retain skill-based volunteers, and develop strategies to use volunteers effectively to solve community problems.

Important Dates

- Applications are due not later than Tuesday, May 16, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- Successful applicants will be notified by July 2023.
- Successful applicants will be issued awards by September 2023

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