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ACL News & Information

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

<https://acl.gov/>

NASUAD Information

Here is a link to news and press releases from NASUAD:

<http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/nasuad-news>



Commonwealth Council on Aging 2018 Listening Sessions with Co-Hosts

September 26: Senior Connections, the Capital Area Agency on Aging

Eastern Henrico Recreation Center 10:00am-12:00pm

October 22: Alexandria Commission on Aging

City Hall Council Chambers, 301 King Street, Alexandria 10:00am-12:00pm

October 29: Peninsula Agency on Aging

Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive, Newport News 10:00am-12:00pm

November 14: Local Office on Aging

4932 Frontage Road NW, Roanoke 10:00am-12:00pm

November 15: Mountain Empire Older Citizens

1501 Third Avenue East, Big Stone Gap 10:30am-12:30pm

COMMONWEALTH'S FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR AGING SERVICES 2019-2023

The listening sessions will help the Commonwealth identify the needs of Virginia's adults age 60+, adults with disabilities and their caregivers, as identified by the community. The purpose of the hearings is to receive comments on the following focus topics for the Commonwealth's Plan:

- Older Americans Act Core Programs including Supportive Services, Nutrition, Disease Prevention/Health Promotion and Caregiver, Native American, and the Elder Rights Programs.
- Discretionary Programs including Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services, Evidence-Based Disease and Disability Prevention Programs; Senior Medicare Patrol, Community Based Care Transition, Chronic Disease and Self Management, No Wrong Door, and programs that support community living.
- Participant Directed/Person Centered Planning for Older Adults and their Caregivers across the spectrum of long-term care services, including home, community and institutional settings.
- Elder Justice activities, including multi-disciplinary responses, to prevent, detect, assess, intervene, and/or investigate elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation involving adult protective services, Long Term Care Ombudsman programs, legal assistance programs, law enforcement, health care professionals, and other essential partners across the state.
- Virginia's Funding Formula and funding allocation to the Area Agencies on Aging.

Persons unable to attend may comment in writing by November 30, 2018 to:

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Interpreters for hearing impaired persons may be requested by contacting the phone number or email above no later than one week before the listening session.

The current Aging Plan is available at <https://www.vda.virginia.gov/stateplans.htm>



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UPDATES

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October 24, 2018

RSVP: Dec. 6 Elder Justice Coordinating Council Meeting

The [Elder Justice Coordinating Council](#) (EJCC) brings together leaders from across the federal government to address issues of elder justice nationally. Council members include the leaders of federal departments, agencies, and entities administering programs related to abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.

The EJCC will host its final meeting of the year on **Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 9:30am to 12pm ET** in Washington DC.

[Please RSVP to attend this meeting.](#)

The meeting also will be live-streamed, link and details coming soon.



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New Report on Nutrition Services Program Available: Client Outcome Study Part II

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) conducted a three-part evaluation of its Title III-C [Nutrition Services Program](#) (NSP). The newest report, [Client Outcome Study: Part II](#), is now available.

The client outcome study has been released in two parts. [Client Outcome Study: Part I](#), released in 2017, describes nutrition services program (i.e., congregate meal and home-delivered meal) participants' demographic and household characteristics, health status, mobility, eating behaviors, diet quality, food security, socialization, and other characteristics, as well as program participants' experiences with and impressions of the program and their valuation of meals and supportive services received through the program.

[Client Outcome Study: Part II](#) describes participants' health and health care utilization and examines overall wellness measured using longer-term outcomes related to health and avoidance of institutionalization.

The three-part evaluation of the Nutrition Services Program also includes:

1. [Process Evaluation of Older Americans Act Title III-C Nutrition Services Program \(PDF, 948KB\)](#) which provides information to support program planning by analyzing program structure, administration, staffing, coordination, and service delivery. In addition, it evaluates the interactions between the many levels and types of organizations that provide congregate meals, home-



delivered meals, and collateral services under the OAA Nutrition Programs.

2. [Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs Evaluation: Meal Cost Analysis \(PDF, 667KB\)](#) estimates the costs of program operations, the most important being the cost of the congregate and home-delivered meals provided using Title III funds, and examines cost variation within the program by cost component and program characteristics.

Additional issue briefs, infographics, and reports are planned, and currently available products from the entire evaluation include:

- [Process Evaluation and the Meal Cost Analysis webinar](#) and [handouts \(PDF\)](#).
- [Briefing handouts](#) as well as [responses to questions posed](#) during the briefing for Part I of the client outcomes study.
- An [issue brief](#) that describes the nutritional quality of congregate and home-delivered meals offered through the NSP and examines their compliance with the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which were in effect at the time of the data collection.

Visit [Nutrition Services](#) for more information about this program. Learn more about ACL's [Program Evaluations and Reports](#).



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HCBS Quality Webinar 11/7: Outcome Measurement Tools

[Register for the webinar on November 7.](#)

The University of Minnesota's Research and Training Center on HCBS Outcome Measurement (RTC/OM) and ACL are presenting a webinar on the development and use of a database designed to support users to better understand and use home- and community-based services (HCBS) outcome measurement tools.

The relational database, hosted on the University's RTC/OM website (<https://rtcom.umn.edu/>) allows users to better understand the extent to which currently available instruments allow for measuring personal outcomes and system-level quality based on the National Quality Forum's HCBS Outcome Measurement Framework. It provides users with a host of additional information related to measures including: psychometric qualities (when available), administration mode, person-centeredness, respondent, target disability population, current usage, and NQF domain and subdomain coverage. The webinar will provide users with background information about the development of the database and a demonstration of how its features (including a host of search capacities) can best be used to support improvements in the quality of HCBS measurement.

[Please register for the webinar on November 7 at 2 pm ET.](#)

View the [archive for the previous webinars on the HCBS quality webpage.](#)

Any questions? Please email: HCBS-Quality@acl.hhs.gov.



November 5, 2018

ACL Launches Redesigned Eldercare Locator Website

The Administration for Community Living is pleased to launch our newly redesigned Eldercare Locator website. Located online at eldercare.acl.gov, the updated website makes it easier for older adults and their caregivers to find essential aging resources. New features include:

- A mobile-optimized design to easily access the Eldercare Locator on a computer, phone, or tablet
- A geographical search bar allows visitors to search for local aging resources from any page on the site
- [Caregiver Corner](#) with answers to the most frequently asked questions the Eldercare Locator Call Center receives from caregivers
- A new “Learn More About” section that provides information on popular topics like transportation, support services, elder rights, housing, health, and insurance and benefits
- A centralized location that enables older adults and caregivers access Eldercare Locator brochures on topics important to their health and well-being

For more than 25 years, the Eldercare Locator Call Center and website have served as critical tools to assist older adults and those who support them in navigating the range of services and options available to seniors. In 2017, more than 470,000 visitors accessed the Eldercare Locator’s website. The Call Center receives more than 350,000 calls every year and answered its 4 millionth call earlier this year.



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We encourage you to explore the new website. We will continue to expand and update our resources to provide valuable information for older adults and their caregivers to serve our vital and ever growing aging population.

Launched in 1991, the Eldercare Locator is a national information and referral resource providing support to consumers across the spectrum of issues affecting older Americans.



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Link to DARS Independent Living Monthly Newsletter

Rhonda Jeter, MS, CRC, Director of Independent Living

Past issues of IL News Notes are available on the DARS Intranet:

<https://intranet/docrepo/DARSCILDocViewer.html>