

Virginia Center on Aging Annual Update Highlights

The mission of the Virginia Center on Aging is to advance health, well-being and equity for the elders of today and tomorrow. Our innovative research, critical education and impactful service strive to make Virginia a place where its people can thrive at every age.

Following are the highlights from our 2024 Annual Update, under the themes Connection, Communication, and Collaboration.

Connections



The Lifelong Learning Institute in Chesterfield

- Offered 800+ courses to 1300+ members (midlife and older adults).
- New transportation program: members have access to free transportation to and from classes.



Social Health Connector on Virginia Easy Access

- An online tool to enhance elders' social health.
- Users answer a series of questions and receive a personalized Social Health Connection Plan.



Elder Justice Learning & Research Hub

- Drives research and partnerships for action.
- Knowledge on safeguarding against, and responding to, elder abuse, and resources for professionals and allies.



Virginia Helping Elders Access Resources to address and prevent elder mistreatment

- Safety Connector to Access Resources *Coming Soon*
- Elder Abuse & Ageism Program



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- A dementia caregiving education program in African American faith communities to provide a supportive environment for families affected by dementia.




Communication



Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Research Award Fund

- Letters of Intent due February 2, 2024
- Applications due March 1, 2024

Details here: 



Age in Action Newsletter & Research and Issue Briefs

- Subscribe and/or submit to our Age in Action newsletter to stay abreast of programs, issues and research.



Collaborations



Virginia Geriatric Education Center & Consortium

- VGEC is involved in a number of initiatives and education programs across the state, including CIRCAA, the DEI Newsletter, Senior Connections are more.



Virginia Memory Project

- A survey about brain health, memory, and caregiving.
- The first expansive web-based brain health registry in Virginia.



Richmond Brain Health Initiative


- VCU professionals provides brain health and memory support inc. over-the-phone health education, support, coaching, and navigation.

Inquire: 

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Virginia Center on Aging Toolkits


- Age and Ability Inclusion Toolkit for Senior Living 

- Trauma-Informed Care Toolkit *Coming Soon*



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