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Senior Advocacy Day set for January 25th at the Virginia General Assembly

RICHMOND, VA January 5, 2017 Annual Senior Advocacy Day at the Virginia General Assembly will be held on Wednesday, January 25th. Senior Advocacy Day is an opportunity to support senior issues and concerns. It is also an occasion to learn about the work of Virginia legislators and policy makers.

During the 2017 session, advocates for Older Virginians are urging members of the Virginia General Assembly to protect funds in the State budget for Care Coordination and other essential services for Older Adults. Members of the General Assembly are asked to take note of the growing older population throughout the Commonwealth. On Senior Advocacy Day, advocates will visit members of the General Assembly to thank them for supporting programs that help older adults remain in their homes and communities. Support from the General Assembly ensures that older Virginians are able to continue to live in their communities. Communities are continually assessing livability as a key concern. Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) play important roles in creating livable communities by providing Home Delivered Meals, Friendship Cafes for lunches/activities, transportation, adult day care, personal care, respite support for caregivers, in home care, homemaker assistance and related services.

Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging and the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging (V4A) invite advocates for older Virginians to join Senior Advocacy Day in support of essential services for older adults, persons with disabilities and caregivers. To participate with Senior Advocacy Day, please contact Mrs. Pat Giesen, Special Events Coordinator at (804) 343-3059 or pgiesen@youraaa.org.

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Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging (www.seniorconnections-va.org) is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization governed by a Board of Directors. The Agency, established in 1973 as part of a nationwide network of Area Agencies on Aging, provides direct services, information and referral, education and advocacy for seniors and caregivers residing in the City of Richmond and the Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent and Powhatan.

The Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging ([v4a](http://v4a.org)) is the statewide organization that represents the Commonwealth's Area Agencies on Aging in advocating for resources that provide choices for older adults. v4a supports the provision of affordable and accessible home and community services. For additional information, visit info@v4a.org.