

**Blueprint for Livable Communities Citizen Advisory Group--July 17, 2015**

**Virginia State Plan for Aging Services October 1, 2015- September 30, 2019**

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**1. State Agency Aging Impact Reports**

- a. In accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended (OAA), and pursuant to Virginia Code § 51.5-136, DARS, as the designated state unit on aging, is mandated to submit a state plan on aging services to the U.S. Administration on Community Living (ACL), the Governor and the General Assembly.
- b. Virginia Code § 51.5-136 requires that all state agencies submit reports on the impact of aging on their services, including unmet needs, and this was accomplished as part of this planning process. Also, state agencies designated staff in these reports who review agency policies and programs and identify opportunities to make those policies and programs more accommodating to older adults and persons with disabilities as required by Virginia Code § 2.2-604.1. The reports and agency staff can be found at:  
<http://www.vda.virginia.gov/2015AgencyReports.asp>.

**2. Commonwealth Council on Aging Listening Sessions and Commonwealth Four-Year Plan Workgroup**

**3. Virginia State Plan for Aging Services October 1, 2015- September 30, 2019**

<http://www.vda.virginia.gov/>

- a. Assess and facilitate statewide community readiness for an aging population, recognizing both the untapped resources and the unmet needs of this population;
- b. Empower older adults and their families to make person-centered and informed decisions about personal health and well-being, long-term services and supports, and end-of-life care options;
- c. Enable people to live in the community as appropriate through the availability of formal and informal high-quality LTSSs, including supports for families and caregivers;
- d. Strengthen statewide systems that protect the rights and prevent the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of older adults; and
- e. Enhance effective and responsive management of programs serving older adults to ensure the fiscal and programmatic accountability of those programs.

**4. Resources:**

**White House Conference on Aging**

<http://www.whitehouseconferenceonaging.gov/>