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## **Virginia Caregiver Coalition (VCC)**

### **Our Mission**

The VCC will work passionately to improve the experience of caregiving through education, advocacy and access to resources.

### **Our Vision**

All Virginia caregivers will be valued, respected, and supported and will have easy access to information, education and services.

### **Who We Are**

We started with 22 founding members in 2004 and are nearly 200 members strong today. Our members include family caregivers, disability and aging community agency staff, state agency employees, and university and independent researchers.

Virginia received a Lifespan Respite Grant from the Administration on Aging in 2011 to support respite services for family caregivers. This grant continues to enhance the VCC's caregiver support efforts across the lifespan.

### **What We Do**

We meet every other month for networking, training, education, project brainstorming, and resource sharing. Meetings are conducted from numerous public video sites across the state using a polycom teleconferencing system which includes two-way visual and audio reception. This means you can participate from the site most convenient for you.

### **How You Can Be a Part**

**Membership is Free!**

Complete a [Membership Form](#) and mail, fax or email to:

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### **Questions?**

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### **Virginia Caregiver Resources**

For Virginia specific caregiver resources, please check out the VCC Caregiver Resource Guide ~ [Taking Care](#)

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