



AGING IN COMMUNITY CONFERENCE AND SIMULATION WORKSHOP
June 2, 2026 / 9:00am-4:00pm
Daniel Technology Center, Germanna Community College

AGENDA

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 8:00am Doors open, coffee, light breakfast
- 9:00am **AGING IN COMMUNITY SIMULATION WORKSHOP**
Lenah Nguyen, Senior Extension Agent, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- 10:30am **Debrief Simulation**
Tracey Gendron, Ph.D., FGSA; Interim Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs, College of Health Professions; Chair and Professor, Department of Gerontology; Executive Director, Virginia Center on Aging
- 11:00am **Break**
- 11:15am **A Multi-Use Model for Housing and Community**
Tina Schilling, MSW, MDIV, NHA; Director of Community Connections for Older Adults; Director of Area Agency on Aging
- 11:45am **Lunch**
- 12:30pm **Deep dive table talks (you choose!):**
1. **Aging Supports from the Area Agency on Aging** - Medicare; Healthy Ideas; and more (Encompass Community Supports)
 2. **Livable Communities** –(AARP)
 3. **Transportation** – Learn about the many transportation services available in our region (Regional Transportation Collaborative / RTC)
 4. **Food Access** – An innovative program delivering food to area older adults (Fauquier FISH)

5. **Housing Supports** – Home Modifications for Aging in Place – Learn about programs and resources that can help make homes safer and more accessible for older adults, supporting independence and aging in place.
(Disability Resource Center)
6. **Innovative Approaches to Alzheimer’s** – Learn about resources and innovative approaches to dementia care; The Dementia Road Map (Montessori approach; Alzheimer’s Association; DARS)
7. **Technology Resources** – An innovative, easy to use platform we hope to launch in our area! Learn more about why this is important! (WISE CONNECT)
8. **Technology Resources** – Virginia Easy Access - Learn more about the online tools on Virginia Easy Access that help you connect with services and supports in your local community (DARS)
9. **Village Model** – Learn about 2 successful Villages in our region and how we can support additional Villages (Mary-Jane Atwater; Carol Paquette; Denise Wales and Jeanne Comeau)
10. **Hospice Services** – There are many myths about hospice – learn how Hospice can provide support in many ways – you might be surprised! (Hospice of the Piedmont)
11. **Never Can Say Goodbye** – Engage in conversation with author and death doula, Darnell Walker

1:30pm **Villages: Choices and Connections for Older Adults** – Mary-Jane Atwater, Virginia Villages Collective; Carol Paquette, Virginia Villages Collective; Jeanne Comeau (LOWLINC) and Denise Wales (Rapp at Home)

2:30pm **Break**

2:45pm **Never Can Say Goodbye** - Darnell Lamont Walker – Author, Death Doula

3:45pm **Aging Supports in Virginia** – Jodi Winship, Department for Aging and Rehabilitation Services

4:15pm **Close**

