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VIRGINIA APS DIRECTOR RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

(RICHMOND, Va.) — Paige McCleary, director of the Adult Protective Services Division for the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, was recognized for her professional contributions by the National Adult Protective Services Association.

McCleary won the Joanne Otto Distinguished Service Award for her extensive work as director of the Adult Protective Services Division, including a 2016 report for the General Assembly concluding that older Virginians lose an estimated \$1 billion a year to financial exploitation.

NAPSA works to resolve issues and improve services for older and vulnerable adults who are victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation. McCleary received the award at the organization's annual conference in Anaheim, Calif.

Before becoming director of the division in 2015, McCleary was a program consultant for APS. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree from Smith College School for Social Work.

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