



Request for Workshop Proposals

Sponsored by the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) and the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) within the Department of Health Services, this statewide conference provides attendees opportunities to learn, network, and collaborate to improve the way they deliver services to older people, adults with disabilities and their caregivers in their communities. The audience includes—but is not limited to—professional staff and board members working in aging and disability resource centers, county and tribal aging units, human services departments, senior centers, advocacy organizations, managed care organizations, and disability services organizations.

Workshop Format

We are most interested in workshops that offer innovative methods of learning as well as new ideas; we encourage creative workshop formats. Workshops may have up to three presenters and will be **1 hour and 15 minutes long**. Those requiring more time may request two back-to-back sessions. We offer complimentary 1-day conference registration for presenters.

Workshop Selection Process

The conference planning committee reviews all proposals. GWAAR and BADR reserve the right to accept or reject any proposal. Notifications will be made by April 1, 2018.

Proposal Content and Evaluation Scale

Workshop proposals will be evaluated based on the point system below and must be submitted [online](#).

Proposal Cover Sheet 5 pts

General Description of Presentation 30 pts

(no more than two pages)

Points will be given to proposals that adhere to our conference focus areas.

Your description must include:

Summary—describe the content of your presentation

Format—lecture, interactive, Q&A, etc.

Participant take-aways—what will people learn from your presentation?

Title and Summarized Description 15 pts

for use in conference registration materials.

Maximum words:

title: 15-words, summary-50 words

Total 50 pts

Submit Proposals Online at:

<http://bit.ly/2DsyO6w>

Proposals Must Be Received by:

Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 4:30 pm.



Workshop Focus Areas



Technology

How can rapid advances in technology improve clients' lives? What opportunities have you found to incorporate changing technologies into your work? Share your experiences with client services and internal workflow that help provide services and improve efficiencies. Possible topics for your proposal:

- In-home technology to support independence
- Helping clients using new technology
- Tools to improve reporting and recording keeping

Inclusivity

In today's mobile and diverse society, your clients' broad-ranging backgrounds impact their use of services. How do you identify and serve unique client needs and help them live at the level of independence they desire? Possible topics for your proposal:

- Making connections through community leaders
- Cultural competency training
- Identifying your organization as welcoming to all

Pathways of Advocacy

Locally, around the state and across the nation, advocacy drives change. Whether working with local governments for safer street crossings or speaking at public hearings, effective advocacy improves lives. What has worked for you? Possible topics for your proposal:

- Building relationships with lawmakers
- Developing a network of advocates
- Using social media as an advocacy tool

Healthy Living, Healthy Communities

Our networks' programs and services can help improve client health outcomes and result in healthier communities. From community planning to volunteer programs, engaging our communities magnifies our impact. What's happening in our networks to build and sustain healthy communities? Possible topics for your proposal:

- Healthy living program partnerships and collaborations
- Nutrition education in digestible pieces
- Supportive employment to address employment shortages

Leadership for a Successful Future

Today's leaders have the tools developing leaders need to succeed. Share your knowledge and experience. What key lessons can you pass along to maintain strong networks to support the aging and disability communities? Possible topics for your proposal:

- Leveraging resources for maximum results
- Successful grant writing
- Taking a break before burnout

Possible Workshop Topics

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| • Advocacy | • Isolation |
| • Aging and disability laws | • Mental health and substance abuse |
| • Caregiving | • Mindfulness/self-care |
| • Collaborative planning | • Professional development |
| • Diversity | • Sustainable programs and services |
| • Empowering people | • Technology |
| • Ensuring our future | • Transportation and mobility |
| • Healthy living | • Volunteerism |
| • Healthy long-term partnerships | • Workforce crisis |
| • Inclusive communities | |



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