



## GWAAR Updates

### Calendar of Events

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### General

*[Jane Mahoney](#), Older Americans Act Consultant*

#### **Need to Know-Reminder**

We are preparing to work on GWAAR's 2020 goal to "create a program guide for a friendly visitor/caller program" and in preparation, we are seeking your feedback and expertise as to what you need in the program guide.

If you currently have or had a friendly visitor/caller program, we would appreciate learning how your system works and also understanding the challenges to manage the program. If you have a goal on your aging plan to create a friendly visitor/caller or dining buddy program, we are interested in knowing the kinds of tools and support GWAAR could provide to you.

Please complete this [short survey](#) by *November 18* so we can create a useful program guide! Thank you!

*Carrie D, Jean, Pam, Jane*

### Advocacy

*[Janet Zander](#), Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator*

#### **Nice to Know**

Are You a Member of Badgeraginglist?

The Badgeraginglist is a listserv devoted to aging issues where members share ideas and ask questions. Twice weekly postings of aging articles help members keep track of current events in aging. Older folks and people who work with them are welcome to join. Members' information is never shared.

Join Badgeraginglist [here](#).

### Family Caregiver Support

*[Jane Mahoney](#), Older Americans Act Consultant*

#### **Need to Know-Reminder**

##### **NFCSP and AFCSP Budgets**

Check your NFCSP and AFCSP budgets to ensure all dollars are spent by the end of 2019. Please [contact me](#) by *November 18* if:

- You will *be unable to spend all your funds*. Please let me know the amount you will be returning. We can also brainstorm ways to get it spent in your county/tribe.
- You *need more* AFCSP or NFCSP. Please let me know the amount and purpose for the additional funds.

### ***Nice to Know-Reminder***

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#### **The Invisible Health Care Provider: Family Caregivers of Individuals with Dementia Webinar**

National Council on Aging (NCOA)

*Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CT*

This webinar focuses on dementia-related services and supports. Stephanie Hughes, M.P.P., Public Health Researcher at RTI International, will highlight the types of dementia-related programs that are available and the approaches that have been successful. Discussion will include a spotlight on the importance of building partnerships between health care professionals and family caregivers as well as the role of psychosocial interventions where indicated.

[Register here.](#)

### **Health Promotion**

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[Angie Sullivan](#), *Older Americans Act Consultant - Health Promotions Specialist*

#### ***Need to Know***

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##### **Review Your Year-to-Date Expenditures**

A reminder for all Aging Units/ADRC's to review your year-to-date expenditures for Title III-D dollars. There is a tremendous amount of money not being utilized in Wisconsin to implement high-level evidence-based programming for older adults. If you have any questions on how those dollars can be spent, please don't hesitate to [reach out to me](#) as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Transportation**

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[Carrie Diamond](#), *Older Americans Act Consultant - Transportation & Volunteerism Specialist*

#### ***Nice to Know***

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##### **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released by the Federal Transit Administration for Mobility for All Pilot Programs.

This funding opportunity seeks to improve mobility options through employing innovative coordination of transportation strategies and building partnerships to enhance mobility and access to vital community services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people of low income.

Eligible applicants are designated or direct recipients of 5307, 5310, or 5311 FTA program funds.

This is a great opportunity so consider applying or partnering with another program to apply. Get detailed information at [Mobility for All Pilot Programs](#).

*The deadline is January 6, 2020.*

## Volunteerism

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[Carrie Diamond](#), *Older Americans Act Consultant - Transportation & Volunteerism Specialist*

### ***Need to Know***

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#### **Seeking Second Cohort of See a Need, Take the Lead**

GWAAR is offering an opportunity for existing or developing programs in Sip & Swipe, StrongBodies, AMP (existing programs only) or Medicare Minutes to participate in Cohort 2 of the See a Need, Take the Lead volunteer initiative. This program offers expert assistance and a framework to create self-directed volunteer teams that reduce staff time needed to operate the program.

This is a unique opportunity in which GWAAR has invested in order to provide a sustainable volunteer program model that not only responds to your agency needs, but the needs of your older adult volunteers!

[Applications](#) are due Nov. 22.

## Guardianship Support Center

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[Atty Kate Schilling](#), *Legal Services Manager*

### ***Nice to Know***

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#### **Please Help Us Welcome the New Guardianship Support Center Staff Attorney!**

Attorney Polly Shoemaker has been hired to run our Guardianship Support Center in GWAAR's Elder Law & Advocacy Center. Polly will start on November 18 and will be a full-time employee in our Madison office. For the past 4 years, Polly has worked as a staff attorney at ABC for Health, a non-profit organization in Madison dedicated to helping individuals access health care coverage and benefits.

Polly represented both older adults and children with special healthcare needs with Medicaid applications, appealing inappropriate denials, and all the way through to administrative hearings. This past summer, Polly took a case all the way up to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals in regards to a Medicaid countable income issue. Polly has a passion for legal writing, systems advocacy, and doing volunteer work for underrepresented groups. In her spare time, Polly is an avid knitter and helps coordinate the country's largest knitters' guild.

Please refer all guardianship and power of attorney questions to the GSC helpline at:

Helpline phone: (855) 409-9410 (leave a message)

Or email at <mailto:guardian@gwaar.org>