



GWAAR Updates

Calendar of Events

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General

Nice to Know

Reminder: Home for the Holidays

The 2019 n4a and Eldercare Locator “[Home for the Holidays](#)” campaign highlights the important role the Aging Network plays in supporting the needs of older adults by promoting, funding and providing home modifications in their communities. N4a produced a consumer brochure, [Modifying Your Home for Healthy Aging](#), and a toolkit with resources the Aging Network can use to promote the availability of home modification resources in your communities. The brochure is available for [pre-order online](#), along with a press release template, sample newsletter articles and social media posts To learn more about the campaign and ways the Aging Network can use campaign tools to increase community awareness of home modifications, watch the [recording of the webinar](#) held by n4a, our partners at the University of Southern California Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, and Mountain Empire Older Citizens.



Family Caregiver Support

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

Nice to Know

Help Develop the National Family Caregiving Strategy

Administration on Community Living (ACL) is seeking input on the challenges faced by family caregivers from individuals and organizations that capture the breadth of the family caregiving experience. This information will be used to assist the Family Caregiving Advisory Council in developing its initial report to Congress and to inform the development of the National Family Caregiving Strategy. It also will be used to help the Council plan future activities, including public listening sessions that will begin in 2020.

Please provide your feedback and encourage other to participate at:
<https://acl.gov/form/public-input-raise>



Nice to Know

Provide Input to the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Council's

The Supporting Grandparents Advisory Council (convened as part of the Federal RAISE Family Caregiver Act) is seeking input for planning future activities. The council is looking for feedback from people with current or past

experience as a grandparent or other older relative raising children and organizations providing support for those families. They need your help to identify:

- Best practices, resources, and other useful information for grandparents and other older relatives raising children
- Gaps in available resources
- Unique needs of children affected by opioid misuse
- Unique needs of members of Native American tribes.

This information will be used to plan the Council's future activities and ultimately will be included in a report to Congress, which will be shared publicly.

Please provide your feedback and encourage other to participate at: <https://acl.gov/form/sgrg-form>

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NFCSP 101 Training - for New or seasoned Caregiver Coordinators

Thursday, December 12, 10:00 a.m.

<https://gwaar.adobeconnect.com/nfcsp101/>

Call-in number: 1-800-977-8002

Passcode: 4645344#

Join Jane Mahoney for a live, interactive review of the National Family Caregiver Support Program Policy. Whether you are a new Caregiver Coordinator or have been around the block a few times, this hour-long webinar gives you an opportunity to hear the details of the program and ask any questions you may have. The webinar will be recorded. It is important to have a good understanding of the program before you attend the Caregiver Coordinator Statewide Trainings in May!

Medicare Outreach and Assistance

[Debbie Bisswurm](#), Medicare Outreach Coordinator

Nice to Know

Reminder: "See a Need, Take the Lead" Extended Deadline!

Now that the open enrollment period has ended, please consider participating in the second "See a Need, Take the Lead" initiative of the Self-Directed Volunteer Program. This is an initiative that may fit well with the Medicare Minutes program. The application deadline has been extended until December 20, since you were likely swamped during open enrollment. Find the application [here](#), and you'll find the cohort 1 summary report and application on the GWAAR website [here](#).

Read this testimony from the current Marathon County "See a Need, Take the Lead" project:

"Being part of the Self-Directed Volunteer Team approach has been a very positive experience for our group. The approach has provided direction and focus to do our work efficiently and effectively. Our team is varied in age, background, profession and skill, but we share a common thread. We value and respect the contributions each member brings to the group. We are passionate about providing awareness, knowledge and understanding about healthy aging concepts in our community. The SDVT model/approach has value. The structure provides clear direction and helps us focus our time, energy and effort in a coordinated way. Where there is passion and power, there is impact!" Susan Krolow, RSVP Director, United Way of Marathon County.