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GWAAR Updates

Calendar of Events

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General

Nice to Know

Supported Decision-Making and Other Alternatives to Guardianship Training Keeping Individuals with Disabilities and Older Adults in Charge of their Lives

Friday, February 28, 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Best Western Premier Park Hotel, 22 S Carroll St., Madison, WI 53703

Wisconsin's Supported Decision-Making Law took effect in Spring of 2018. Supported Decision-Making is one alternative to guardianship that allows people with disabilities and older adults to retain their legal rights.

Training: The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities is partnering with other aging and disability network partners (including GWAAR) to offer this training:

- This training is free, but registration is required (Lunch provided)
- Registration is now open [here](#).
- Find more information about the training [here](#).

Please also note there is now a [Spanish version](#) of the Supported Decision-Making Agreement form available on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' website at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/f-02377.htm>

Family Caregiver Support

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

Need to Know

Reminder: Caregiver Support Community Statewide Call

January 28, 10:00 a.m.

Call-in: 1-800-977-8002 Passcode: 4645344#

Web link: https://gwaar.adobeconnect.com/cg_call_jan2020/

Caregiver Support Community Statewide Calls will occur on the 4th Tuesday of most months at 10:00 a.m. The first call will be January 28 and the topic will be Guardianships, Protective Placements and Powers of Attorney, including a discussion about how an activated POA affects voting.

Nice to Know

Wisconsin Department of Children and Family Services Announces the Launching of Kinship Navigator Portal

The [Kinship Navigator Portal](#) can be used by any relative caregiver throughout the state to identify services and resources available to them based on their specific caregiving situation. Caregivers will be asked to answer a set of questions specific to their situation, and based on those answers, they will be provided with an array of information about their eligibility for various programs.

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. 1414 MacArthur Road, Suite A; Madison, WI 53714

Wisconsin Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) hopes this portal will reach far and wide throughout Wisconsin and is accessible to relative caregivers, regardless of whether or not they are involved in the child welfare system. Please feel free to share this resource broadly, both with relative caregivers that you work with and agencies in your area serving relative caregivers in some capacity.

DCF plans to continue to enhance this portal to ensure caregivers have access to a wide array of information to assist them in meeting both the needs of children in their home and their own needs as caregivers. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts regarding this portal.

Health Promotion

[Angie Sullivan](#), OAA Consultant - Health Promotions Specialist

Save the Date! Tuesday, February 18th

9:00 - 10:30 a.m., 02-18-20

Conference Line: 1-800-977-8002 Participant Code: 4645344#

Adobe Connect Link: https://gwaar.adobeconnect.com/heath_promotion/

The first health promotion quarterly webinar will take place on Tuesday, February 18th from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be Angela Flickinger from UW-Madison, Division of Extension. Angela is the Health & Wellbeing Institute Healthy Eating & Active Living Program Manager, and she will discuss the structure of the extension and how aging units can partner with their local extension to implement high-level evidence-based health promotion programming.

The Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging and GWAAR will have important updates as well.

Please plan on joining us.

Transportation

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

Recent Activity by the Federal Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility

The Federal Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) is an interagency partnership established in 2004 by Executive Order 13330 to coordinate the efforts of the federal agencies that fund transportation services for targeted populations.

Their work is not unlike our local and regional coordination councils. The CCAM has been active again and has released a Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 as well as a monthly webinar series starting Feb. 13. Information can be found [here](#).