GWAAR Updates

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General

Nice to Know

Aging Units and ADRCs: Post Your Employment Opportunities with GWAAR!

If you’d like to share your agency’s employment opportunities on GWAAR’s website, send a brief job description, link to the posting/application and a date the posting should be removed to Kim Cobb. Please note: our Employment Opportunities page is only “live” when there are active postings.

Aging Plans

Jane Mahoney, Older Americans Act Consultant

Nice to Know

Measure Your Success!

As you work to accomplish your aging plan goals, remember to measure your success! The Basics of Evaluation, a webinar recorded last year by Cindy Ofstead and Jane Mahoney, details how to complete a customer satisfaction survey. Find the webinar and Power Point on the GWAAR website (Technical Assistance > Aging Plans > Aging Plan Implementation > Program Evaluation Tools). A second webinar is being created that talks about pre-test/post-test, surveys and other evaluation tools.

Family Caregiver Support

Jane Mahoney, Older Americans Act Consultant

Need to Know

Register for the 2020 Caregiver Coordinator Training

May 13: Green Bay
May 19: Barron
May 27: Dodgeville

Remember to register for the May 2020 Caregiver Coordinator Trainings! All counties and tribes are expected to send one coordinator for each program (AFCSP and NFCSP) to one of the trainings. Only staff who work directly with NFCSP or AFCSP should attend. Attendees should come prepared with a basic understanding of the NFCSP and/or AFCSP policy. You can find self-paced trainings, training agenda and other materials for the event on the GWAAR website here under “Resources” click on Caregiver Coordinator Training 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Mahoney.
Nice to Know

What Does Respite Mean to You and Caregivers You Serve?
The Caregiver Coordinator Training Planning Committee is collecting unique respite ideas to share and use at the 2020 Trainings. Please share your respite ideas and experiences! No idea is too simple or too outrageous! Let us know how you recharge when your energy level is low? What do you do when your feel you are at your wits end? If a home care agency or adult day program is not available, what could a caregiver do to find a break or recharge? Please share your thoughts in this quick, 3-question survey.

Connecting with Caregivers
The Rock County Council on Aging has started recording podcasts for caregivers. Their first one was about family caregiving and their upcoming Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop. This is a great idea for reaching caregivers! Listen here!

Health Promotion

Angie Sullivan, OAA Consultant - Health Promotions Specialist

Reminder: Save the Date!

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Conference Line: 1-800-977-8002 Participant Code: 4645344#
Adobe Connect Link: https://gwaar.adobeconnect.com/health_promotion/ (enter as guest)

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

Wisconsin Association of Mobility Managers Spring Training Conference
Sturgeon Bay, April 13-15, 2020  Stone Harbor Resort
Please visit the Wisconsin Association of Mobility Managers (WAMM) website to find the information and registration for this year’s training conference. The training and conference committee have chosen some interesting subjects and enlightening speakers to assist you in your career as a Mobility Manager or transportation provider regardless of your position! (cont. next page)
This year we have added a unit on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to our curriculum. Organizations that prioritize diversity, equity and inclusion create an environment that respects and values individual differences. Join us as we look at understanding how systems, services and decision-making processes help or hinder the lives of underserved and underrepresented communities.

Please reserve your rooms and space at the conference as soon as possible. Plan to join us before the conference at the Welcome Reception on Monday night, April 13, at the Stone Harbor Resort.

You may be eligible for an RTAP scholarship to pay the cost of travel, lodging and the conference. Apply no later than 30 days prior at http://www.Wisconsinrtap.com