GWAAR Updates

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General

Nice to Know

While the information is geared towards financial planning for retirement, you can also use this opportunity to talk about driving retirement! It is a significant change in our lives that we usually do not plan for - but we should.
Find Retiring from Driving resources, like this GWAAR brochure and workbook, on the GWAAR website.

Advocacy

Janet Zander, Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator

Nice to Know

Promotional Materials are Available for Aging Advocacy Day, May 12, 2020!
It’s time to get the word out! We know personal stories make an impact, so encourage local participation in Aging Advocacy Day 2020 with the materials posted here. You’ll find materials for your newsletters including an article and several ad options provided as pdfs and jpegs.
Registration will be open for the May 12th event from March 25-April 22.

Census

Nice to Know

Stay tuned for census information every week leading up to April 1: Census Day!

Preparing for the 2020 Census

N4A recently held a webinar about the importance of the census to our network; here is the webinar PowerPoint. The guest speaker was from AgeOptions in Illinois. They have a fantastic website where they consolidated census documents relevant to the aging network. Some are specific to Illinois, but they also contain easy to do awareness raising activities, including:

• Add a handout from census.gov to every consumer packet, in-person visit, support group or class.
• Add a slide about the census to every community presentation done by your agency.

Two different customizable presentations are already available at these links:
Fall 2019 Partnership Social Media Guide
2020CensusGenPres
Webinar Opportunity from the National Council on Aging
Census 2020 and Older Adults: Reaching the Hard to Reach
February 27 2:00 - 3:00 pm
We all have a role to play in ensuring that Census 2020 engages everyone. This webinar will showcase ways government agencies and officials, nonprofits, advocacy organizations, and philanthropy can educate communities about the Census’s impact on essential services for older adults and their families.

Data Management

Carrie Kroetz, Older Americans Act Consultant

Need to Know

SAMS Webinars
Same call-in information for each session:
Call-in Information: 1-800-977-8002 Call-In Code: 4645344#
Link: SAMS Webinars (enter your name as a guest)

Mid-Year Review and Fiscal Correlation Webinar
Wednesday, February 26th 10:00-11:30 am
This is for non-EBS SAMS users.
This webinar is our annual 6-month SAMS review to remind users of processes to follow and error reports to run and address. We encourage SAMS users, programs managers and staff participate – as well as fiscal if possible.

SAMS Mid-Year Review - EBS Users
Friday, February 28th 9:00-10:00 am
This will focus on EBS data users.
This webinar is our annual 6-Month SAMS review to remind users of processes to follow and error reports to run and address. We encourage SAMS users, programs managers and staff participate.

Family Caregiver Support

Jane Mahoney, Older Americans Act Consultant

Need to Know

Family Caregiver Grant Opportunity
Road Scholar, the not-for-profit organization formerly known as Elderhostel, offers educational travel adventures for boomers and seniors. Their mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover, and travel. The Road Scholar’s Caregiver Grants Program provides unpaid family caregivers an award of up to $1,500 applied to any Road Scholar program (U.S. or Canada) costing $2,000 or less. You’re an eligible caregiver if you are the primary unpaid caregiver providing daily care and support for an ill or disabled family member (spouse, parent, adult child, partner or sibling). Other eligibility information:

• Your loved one may also be receiving home care, hospice, visiting nurse, LPN services, or comparable and related services.
• Your loved one may be in adult day care, memory care, a nursing home or comparable or related facility.
• You lost a loved one within the past two years who was in any of the above situations.
• You live in the United States and are 50 years of age or older.

For more information visit the website.

Nice to Know

Support Groups for Grandparents/Relative Caregivers

The Wisconsin Adoption & Permanency Support (WAPS) website has a Support Group Directory, with many groups geared towards relative caregiving. Please visit the site and see if there are groups in your county/tribe you may not know about. Also, if you have a group not on the list, please add it! WAPS has many other valuable resources for your relative caregivers as well. Check out their entire website and share the information with other staff in your agency and the relative caregivers you come in contact with.

Understanding Medication Safety: Three Dates

Thursdays, March 5, 12 and 19
10:00 a.m.

Register by calling 1-866-390-6491 or visiting the events page.

The Caregiver SOS program through the WellMed Charitable Foundation is hosting a series of one-hour phone learning sessions about understanding medication safety. These sessions are open to caregivers and anyone who would like to learn more about medication safety. A workbook will be provided and attendance at all three sessions is recommended. Please post and/or distribute this flyer to promote this important education series. If you have any questions or would like hard copies of the flyer sent to you, please contact at Minerva Villarreal or 1-866-390-6491.

Reminder: International Short Break Association Conference

June 16th-19th
Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison, Wisconsin

The International Short Break Association (ISBA) is hosting the 2020 International Respite (Short Break) Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, from June 16th-19th, 2020. This international conference is intended for everyone who provides, uses, or needs respite/short break services. It is also for policy makers and program administrators who want to understand or better support the respite/short break needs of family caregivers, and individuals who receive respite care across all ages.

The theme for the conference Moving Respite Forward is inspired by Wisconsin’s motto “Forward” which reflects the State’s continuous drive to be a national leader. This conference will provide a space to advance knowledge and understanding of respite by learning from and with international leaders in the field of respite. The conference will also challenge attendees to utilize evidence-based practices and discover innovative strategies to improve respite care to meet the growing needs of the 43 million U.S. family caregivers and millions more caregivers around the world. Together, we are Moving Respite Forward!

The world’s first Respite Research Summit will be held immediately following the conference on June 19, 2020. Find the conference website and registration here.
Nutrition Program

Jean Lynch, OAA Consultant - Nutrition Program Specialist
Pam VanKampen, Older Americans Act Consultant — Nutrition Specialist — Senior Center Representative

Need to Know

**Nutrition Peer Group Calls: Four Dates Each**
Same call-in information for each session:
Call-in Information: 1-800-977-8002 Call-In Code: 4645344#
Link: Nutrition Webinar. Join via Adobe Connect to view slides. (enter your name as a guest)

Please share with your contract dietitians.

**Nutrition Ed Peer Group**
February 24, April 16, August 12 and October 8
2:00 p.m.

**Menu & Recipe Sharing Peer Group**
February 27, May 19, August 18 and December 3
2:00 p.m.

Reminder: Midwest Foodservice Expo.
March 9-11, Milwaukee
At this 3-day trade show, you’ll find 100s of exhibits, new products and ideas for everything foodservice. Taste samples of products before adding to your menu, then enjoy dinner & drinks in inspiring downtown Milwaukee.
You can take part in interactive educational sessions, seminars from the Restaurant Marketing Symposium line-up and hands-on training covering workforce solutions and operations. They are offering ServSafe Exam on 3/10.

Transportation

Carrie Diamond, Older Americans Act Consultant - Transportation & Volunteerism Specialist

Nice to Know

**Non-emergency Medicaid Transportation**
No word yet! The Non-emergency Medicaid Transportation (NEMT) contract has not been awarded. MTM remains the provider. The RFP had an anticipated award date in Dec. 2019; however we are not hearing anything about the award status.
If you’d like to join the email notification list, sign up here.