GWAAR Updates

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Advocacy

Janet Zander, Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator

Nice to Know

Reminder: 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

Why Does Being Counted Matter?
The Census will impact decisions made about our communities for the next 10 years and beyond.
Local, state and federal governments, private businesses, public works, religious organizations and others will use data from the 2020 Census to make decisions about older adult services, highway funding, mental health services, Medicaid, SNAP, education and more. Here is a handout on some of the programs influenced by census data.

Want to know how much money is at stake? Learn about the money here.
Based on the 2010 census numbers, in 2016, approximately $2,176 of Federal funds were appropriated per person in Wisconsin (Counting for Dollars, GW Institute for Public Policy). That is a lot of money, so we need to make sure everyone is counted! If Wisconsin doesn’t get the money, another state will!

Like the numbers? Here are more statistics on census driven Federal funding per program.
Get data about the hard to count areas – demographics, previous response rates and predicted non-response rate (unfortunately, some of WI does not have data).
A map of hard to count areas and areas that will automatically receive paper copies of the census can be found here.

Being counted means you impact your community. Representation, Money, Power
Note Time Correction:

Reminder: Webinar Opportunity from the National Council on Aging

Census 2020 and Older Adults: Reaching the Hard to Reach
February 27 1:00 - 2:00 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

Reminder: 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.

Health Promotion

Angie Sullivan, OAA Consultant - Health Promotions Specialist

Nice to Know
Thank you to all who were able to join the Health Promotion Webinar on 2-18-20! We had a record number of participants on the webinar. Angela Flickinger, Health and Well-Being Institute at UW-Madison Extension, provided valuable information on how Aging Units/ADRC’s could partner with their local extension agent to expand their health promotion programming to older adults in their community. The Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging provided a 2019 program summary along with important updates on leader training and the upcoming Healthy Aging Summit. You can listen to the recorded webinar here. You can also visit GWAAR’s website for webinar notes, including the speaker’s PowerPoint presentations.
Nutrition Program

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

Need to Know

Reminder: 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.

Transportation

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

Nice to Know

Volunteer Driver Program Survey Results Available

In 2019, many of your programs participated in a survey of volunteer driver programs who drive people to appointments. Get the survey summary and an infographic from the GWAAR website Transportation page under Volunteer Driver Program Resources.

Use this information and your program specific information to educate decision makers locally and at the national level about how important volunteer drivers are to older adults and persons with disabilities.

We continue to advocate for increasing the charitable driving reimbursement rate and to correct insurance issues some drivers encounter. If you have stories about drivers quitting or not volunteering due to their vehicle insurance, please contact Carrie Diamond. We are working on solutions with partners and need these stories!

**WAMM Spring Training**

The WI Association of Mobility Managers (WAMM) will hold their spring training conference in Sturgeon Bay April 13-15. Information including agenda, registration information and hotel can be found here.

You may be eligible for a scholarship to cover 100% of the cost of attending this conference. Go to www.wisconsintap.com for information. Note, all scholarship applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the conference.