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GWAAR Updates

[Calendar of Events](#)

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General

Nice to Know

Call for Presentation Proposals

The 2020 Wisconsin Aging and Disability Network Conference will be held at the Kalahari Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells September 24-25, with preconference sessions September 23. There is a call for [presentation proposals](#).

The conference focus areas are innovation, equity, advocacy, health, rejuvenation, and leadership. They welcome submissions of ideas for innovative programming for both workshops and half-day or full-day preconference intensives. Please use [this survey link](#) provided to submit presentations.

For questions regarding this call for proposals or the submission process, contact conference planner [Peggy Ryneerson via email](#) or at 608-446-4206.

Submissions deadline is March 16th.

Nice to Know

Reminder: Plan to celebrate **National Retirement Planning week March 30-April 3, 2020.**

Visit the [official website here](#).

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

U.S. Census Bureau Is Retiring American FactFinder

The U.S. Census Bureau will be taking American FactFinder (AFF) permanently offline on March 31, 2020. AFF is a tool used by aging units/ADRCs (and many others) to find local and state population, economic, geographic and housing information.

Data releases formerly put out on AFF have been moved to a new platform. Find out what you need to know about this transition [in this bulletin](#).

Census

Nice to Know

Complied Census Information

You can find all the articles from this newsletter and additional helpful links on the GWAAR website at <https://gwaar.org/2020-census>. If you want to share something you read in the newsletter, visit [this link!](#)

How Will You Be Notified of the Census and How Can You Complete It?

There are three ways to complete the 2020 Census: online, phone, or mail. Beginning in mid-March, the Census Bureau will mail a letter inviting households to complete the 2020 Census online. That letter also includes a phone number people can call to complete the Census over the phone.

If people want to complete the Census via the mail, they must wait for the paper questionnaire to arrive in the mail; it will be mailed by early April. [See this handout](#) for more explanation about the schedule for mailings.

- [Initial Invitation Letter](#) (PDF, Census Bureau)
- [Preview of Online Census](#) (Webpage with Video, Census Bureau)
- Paper Questionnaire (PDF, Census Bureau)
 - [English](#)
 - [Spanish](#)

Practice Completing the Census Online!

Did you know there is a practice site where anyone can learn how to answer the census questions online? This is brought to you by the creators *Sip & Swipe Cafes*; you do not need to be a *Sip & Swipe* location to use this!

New from *Generations on Line!*, EasyCensusHelp.org is an interactive tutorial, teaching a new tablet user, or techno-timid current tablet user, to practice the specific skills needed for filling out the 2020 Census online.

Note: This is a freestanding website, seniors do *not* need to participate in *Sip & Swipe* to use this interactive tutorial! Great for *Sip & Swipe Cafe* graduates, those familiar with tablets but not online forms etc. You can even use it in computer labs or at home! This interactive practice does not store any data!

[Check here](#) for more details!

Family Caregiver Support

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

Need to Know

Reminder: 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

Caregiver Teleconnection

Here is the [March calendar](#) for the [Caregiver Teleconnection program](#). The first call is this Thursday, March 5th, and the topic is “Understanding Medication Safety Series” with Lucy Barylak, MSW.

The Brookdale Foundation Group Request for Proposals 2020

The Brookdale Foundation Group has announced the Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) Request for Proposals Initiative for 2020. Agencies will be chosen from throughout the United States through an RFP process. Each agency will receive \$10,000 in year one, renewable for \$5,000 contingent on progress made during year one and potential for continuity in the future, as well as training and technical assistance. Matching support in cash or in-kind will be required of all selected agencies. The sponsoring agency must be a 501(c)(3) entity or have equivalent non-profit status. Priority will be given to those agencies that have access to relative caregivers, provide supportive services and demonstrate broad community involvement and support.

[2020 RAPP RFP Application](#)

[2020 RAPP RFP Guidelines](#)

Deadline to submit applications: June 10, 2020

For Your Newsletter

A new [Caregiver Article](#) has been posted to the GWAAR Website for distribution in your local newsletters as well as to share with partnering agencies. Feel free to revise the article as you see fit to meet the needs of your communities.

Transportation

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

Nice to Know

Mobility Management in Wisconsin

Some of you have been doing mobility management for years, others are just entering this arena. To help understand and spread the word about mobility management, [this paper](#) was compiled with relevant information about the practice, funding and functions.

Feel free to use this to promote your program and communicate the benefits of mobility management.

Reminder: 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!

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 under-served 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>

Volunteerism

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

Nice to Know

We Are One Month Away! Plan to Celebrate Service April 19-25, 2020 #NVW

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognize and thank volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

Create your own theme for volunteer week and craft activities or appreciation gifts around those. Examples include: *Volunteers are magic* - performance by a magician. *Hats off to our volunteers* or *Volunteers are Rock Stars* - performance by an Elvis impersonator. *Volunteers are golden!* - give each volunteer a golden delicious apple. Even small gestures are appreciated. Here's a [toolkit](#) to help!

Highlight the efforts of your volunteers by printing a picture and a quote from a current volunteer in your newsletter or local newspaper. The most effective recruitment is by volunteers themselves!

Whatever you do, make sure to take this opportunity to recognize the important contribution volunteers make to your program and the people you serve.

Business Development Center

[Sky Van Rossum](#), *Business Development Coordinator*

Nice to Know

Addressing Social Determinants: Scaling Up Partnerships with Community-Based Organization Networks

[This article](#) includes examples and commentary from Asst. Secretary Lance Robertson on the value of cross sector partnerships with community-based organization networks.