GWAAR Updates

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General

Nice to Know

GWAAR April ACE Meetings: Save the Date!
Tuesday, April 14, Lussier Family, Heritage Center, 3101 Lake Farm Road, Madison, WI
Tuesday, April 21, Greenwood Hill Country Club, 7100 Stoneridge Dr., Weston, WI
The registration e-mail/link will come from Rosanna Mazzara in a few weeks!

Watch for a GWAAR Communications Survey
We’d like to know if/how this newsletter and GWAAR’s web calendar are being used and if they are meeting initial objectives. Later this week a separate e-mail with a link to a short survey will be sent to all newsletter recipients. Please watch for the e-mail and respond—we appreciate your input!

Reminder: 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 Rynearson via email or at 608-446-4206.

Submissions deadline is March 16th.

Census

Nice to Know

Get the Word Out!
Go to the Census.gov webpage for outreach and social media materials.

Age Options has a lot of good information on their page.
Here is the one-pager specific to older adults
This file addresses accessibility.

There are additional posters and one-pagers to specific populations, like LGBTQ+, minorities, businesses, Native Americans and more. Go to the Census website under Partners, Outreach materials.
Ask your place of worship to host a Census Worship Weekend to reach more places! Use this information to support that effort!

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

Accurate Census Data Can Help Ensure Funding for Children’s Programming

Did you know 10% of children under age 5 were missed in the 2010 census? Many communities lost out on important funding or received reduced funding as a result. Children raised by grandparents are among the hard to count children. Help educate your community about how to count these children and the importance of having every child counted!

Here are resources to help:

- Grandparents Day Social Media Toolkit (Even though Grandparents Day is in September, this toolkit has a lot of great ideas around the Census.)
- Infograph from US Census Bureau
- Count All Kids website

Fiscal

Patrick Metz, Fiscal Manager

Need to Know

Important Information: 2020 GWAAR Claim Form

Thank you for your patience in awaiting the roll out of the 2020 GWAAR Claim Form. Below are some very important, general instructions to follow when submitting your *monthly* claim forms. Please keep in mind the word *monthly*. Beginning with the January 2020 claim, we will be requiring from every provider a *monthly* claim form so that our quarterly and annual reports to our State and Federal partners are a *true, accurate and a complete representation* of what Wisconsin did in their OAA programming each quarter and for the Federal Fiscal Year (October – September). Below you will find a list of *monthly* claim deadlines that must be met, so that we can maintain our contractual obligations with the State. We understand that there are always unavoidable circumstances that may delay a claim form, but please make every effort to meet these deadlines.

In 2020 GWAAR will also be thoroughly reviewing each and every entry our into forms to ensure that all information is being submitted within the necessary guidelines so that our quarterly and annual reports to our State and Federal partners are *true, accurate and complete*. If we do not receive your claim form by the scheduled deadline, we will be contacting you to assist you in submitting your claim form in a timely manner. If we have any questions regarding your submitted claim, we will be reaching out to you to verify the numbers submitted, so it is vital that you include your contact information on our “Claim Sheet”. You will now find that if your contact information is not filled in, it will prevent your “Claim Sheet” from filling in with your monthly claim. It is also important to contact us immediately, should you have any questions regarding how to complete our claim form. We will make every effort to return your phone call or email within a couple business days or sooner. In early 2020 will also be recording webinars on each tab of the claim form so that you can use these as a reference when completing your claims.

I just want to mention a couple subtle changes in the AFCSP and SSCS tabs. You will see that the first column is the “CASH MATCH Monthly Expenses” and not the “SSCS or AFCSP Monthly Expenses” as you’ll find those one 5-7 columns over to the right. This is due to how the reports are set up in the “background” of this claim form. Please be aware of this when filling out your forms for AFCSP and SSCS allocation expenses. We will also keep an eye on it as well.

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Health Promotion

Angie Sullivan, OAA Consultant - Health Promotions Specialist

Nice to Know

A “questions and answers” technical assistance document related to the provisions and priorities of Title III-D has been created and is now on the GWAAR website under technical assistance/health promotion/resources.

Nutrition Program

Jean Lynch, OAA Consultant - Nutrition Program Specialist

Pam VanKampen, Older Americans Act Consultant — Nutrition Specialist — Senior Center Representative

Nice to Know

New Food Label Toolkit from the Food and Drug Administration

The new toolkit includes ppt, pre and post-test evaluation, handouts, sample tweets, and Facebook posts.
Volunteerism

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

Nice to Know

Wisconsin Volunteer Coordinator Association 2020 Conference Registration is Open!

May 7 & 8 in Madison.

Registration information can be found here.

The Wisconsin Volunteer Coordinators Association, WVCA, hosts an annual conference and registration is now open. This has traditionally been an outstanding educational and networking opportunity that all volunteer coordinators and managers should consider attending. Check out the diverse and important topics at this link. For those volunteer coordinators who work with volunteer driver programs, your attendance may be eligible for an RTAP scholarship at this link. All applications for scholarships must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event.