GWAAR Updates

Links to files may download or open, depending on your settings.

General

Nice to Know

Covid 19 Resources
The GWAAR website now has a page for reliable resource information about the current pandemic. As we get new information, we’ll post it here.

Reminder: Job Postings
Aging Units and ADRC’s can post their employment opportunities on the GWAAR website by submitting a brief job description, application link and closing date to kim.cobb@gwaar.org.

Advocacy

Janet Zander, Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator

Nice to Know

Absentee Voting
COVID-19 concerns may keep many older adults from going to their polling sites to vote on April 7. Governor Evers encourages all residents to vote early to minimize election day crowds. Absentee voting is very easy in Wisconsin and is one way to ensure voters their vote will still be counted if they do not wish to go to the polls on election day.

To make sure this is an option for anyone who wishes to use it, there are some important deadlines to pay attention to:

- **Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot- Regular and Permanent Overseas Voters**
  
  April 2, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.- If you are a regular or a Permanent Overseas Voter, your absentee ballot request must be received by your municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 2, 2020.

- **Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot- Indefinitely Confined**
  
  April 3, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.- If a voter is indefinitely confined, your absentee ballot request must be received by your municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2020.

- **Deadline to Return Absentee Ballot**
  
  April 7, 2020 @ 8:00 p.m.- If you have already received an absentee ballot, you must return your absentee ballot by mail or delivery to your municipal clerk. Your ballot must be received by your municipal clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, April 7, 2020.

Find more information about voting on the GWAAR website.
Census

Nice to Know

**Group Quarters**
How are people in group quarters (nursing homes, group homes) counted? [Go here to learn about it.](#)

**Disability Vote Information**
Please share [this important resource](#) with your staff, board members, participants, volunteers, and community partners.

**Reminder: Complied Census Information**
Find all the articles from this newsletter and additional helpful links on the GWAAR website at [https://gwaar.org/2020-census](https://gwaar.org/2020-census). If you want to share something you read in the newsletter, visit [this link](#).

Family Caregiver Support

*Jane Mahoney, Older Americans Act Consultant*

**Nice to Know**

**Guidance for Caregivers During Self-Isolation**
Find [some guidance from DHS and GWAAR](#) to assist caregivers during this time of self-isolation. Feel free to use in part or as a handout.

**Reminder: Caregiver Teleconnection March Calendar—Please note the call-in event**

**March 18 at 10:00 am**
*Coping with the Coronavirus Outbreak while Caregiving*
I am resending [March calendar for the Caregiver Teleconnection](#) since it is an especially helpful resource during this time of social distancing. In addition to the live events, there is a long list of archived events.

**Caregiver Support Community Statewide Call**
**March 24, 10:00 a.m.**
Call-in: 1-800-977-8002
Passcode: 4645344#

*Topic: National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) 101*
Learn the basics of the NFCSP (Title III-E) policy and how to manage the program. This is a great training for new coordinators or others interested in the details of the program as well as a review for seasoned staff.

**Reminder: 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! [continued next page]
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](#)

**Reminder: 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*