



GWAAR Updates

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General

Reminder: 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](#).

Advocacy

[Janet Zander](#), Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator

Nice to Know

Aging Advocacy Day Registration Update

Due to ongoing efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), registration for Aging Advocacy Day has been postponed. We will be discussing our options over the next several weeks and as soon as decisions are made, new information will be posted at <https://gwaar.org/aging-advocacy-day-2020> and shared via email and this newsletter. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Stay safe and well.

Online Voter Registration Extension

Please share:

[Online voter registration has been extended until March 30, 2020.](#)

If you are not registered to vote at your current home address, please do so now. You have until April 2 to request an absentee ballot, but are encouraged to get your request in now to avoid any potential delays. For those who are indefinitely confined (due to age, physical illness, infirmity, or disability, which is a lot of folks these days), the deadline to request an absentee ballot is April 3. Indefinitely confined voters do not need to provide a photo ID with their absentee ballot request. To register to vote online and/or to request an absentee ballot go to: myvote.wi.gov

Census

Nice to Know

Have you talked with staff about filling out their own census? Do they know how to record their college kids, or family in the military or parent in a nursing home?

[Provide them with tools and handouts from the website here.](#)

Make sure we count everyone, even those trying to get others to fill it out!

Family Caregiver Support

Jane Mahoney, Older Americans Act Consultant

Nice to Know

Here are some suggested resources regarding COVID-19 and caregivers.

- CDC: [Resources for Home - Plan, Prepare, Respond](#)
- Alzheimer's Association: [Tips for Dementia Caregivers](#)
- Generations United: [COVID-19 Fact Sheet for Grandparents and Multigenerational Families](#)
- Family Caregiver Alliance: [Resources and Articles for Family Caregivers](#)
- Mental Health First Aid: [How to #BeTheDifference for people with Mental Health Issues during COVID-19](#)

Wisconsin Telephone Support Group calls sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association

- Tuesdays from 5:30-7 pm
- Thursdays from 1-2:30 pm.

To register:

Call 800-272-3900 and *ask for information for the Wisconsin telephone support group* (the line handles other services so callers need to be specific).

Health Promotion

Angie Sullivan, OAA Consultant - Health Promotions Specialist

Need to Know

Offering Evidence-Based Programs During the COVID-19 Pandemic

National Council on Aging Webinar

March 25 @ 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CT

Link to register

https://ncoa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Bi77S9xcQaG5A0SCth1F5Q

Many evidence-based programs across the country have been canceled to ensure older adults, staff, and program leaders are in a safe and healthy environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Just as physical distancing is important, we recognize the importance of staying engaged and combatting social isolation. We're all considering how to accomplish this in fidelity when in-person programs are not possible. Join this webinar with the Evidence-Based Leadership Collaborative and other program developers to receive guidance on permissible ways to offer content remotely or provide other resources to address chronic disease and falls prevention.

Presenters:

Paige Denison, *Sound Generations & Project Enhance*

Kate Lorig, *Self-Management Resource Center*

Jennifer Raymond, *Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley & Healthy Living Center of Excellence*

Shannon Myers, *Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging*

Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Funding

The Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment (AHW) has announced the availability of up to \$5 million in funding to support Wisconsin's response to the new coronavirus (COVID-19). This rapid-response funding opportunity is intended for Wisconsin-based, IRS tax-exempt 501(c)3 or government organizations, as well as Medical College of Wisconsin faculty supporting COVID-19 response efforts.

Applications must focus on immediate actions statewide that support prevention, risk reduction, and minimize transmission. Applicants are urged to identify opportunities that are upstream from clinical care, such as efforts to scale up effective prevention and risk reduction efforts, expand efforts to get information to the public, develop infrastructure to distribute testing resources or provide education on infection prevention, and more.

Application information:

<https://ahwendowment.org/AHW/Funding-Center/Award-Opportunities/Urgent-Response-to-COVID-19.htm>

Award amounts will vary based on individual project needs.

Applications under this funding opportunity will be accepted through March 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm CST.