



Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

Calendar of Events

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Advocacy

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

Nice to Know

Supported Decision-Making Toolkit

Supported decision-making empowers adults with functional impairments to make informed decisions about their life that protect their rights and ensure their safety and privacy. It involves family and friends working together to help them make complex decisions.

The toolkit includes resources to help individuals and their supporters create a plan and fill out the official Supported Decision-Making paperwork. Powers of attorney, representative payees and simple release of information forms are included. See links below to access the toolkit (now also available in Hmong) on the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities' website.

New: Hmong Toolkit = https://wi-bpdd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/SDMToolkit_Hmong_11132020.pdf

Spanish Toolkit = https://wi-bpdd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SDMToolkit_Spanish_FullVersion.pdf

English Toolkit = <https://wi-bpdd.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/SDMToolkit.pdf>

Voter Experience Surveys

Many elections were held this year and voters have faced some extraordinary challenges and barriers. The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition and other voting advocates would like to hear about voters' experiences. Tell us what went well and/or what didn't go so well. Survey results will be used to advocate with elected officials to make improvements to our voting system. There are two separate survey opportunities; please fill out the survey(s) applicable to you.

- The Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) Voter Experience Survey is a national survey for *voters who have a disability*.
 - SABE Go Voter 2020 survey
 - English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SABEGoVoter2020survey>
 - Spanish (Español): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SABEGoVoter2020surveySPA>
 - To request a paper survey, or schedule time for someone to assist you to complete the survey, contact the Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline at 844-DIS-VOTE or email info@disabilityvote.org.
- The League of Women Voters WI (LWVWI) is also promoting their Voter Experience survey, *open to all Wisconsin voters*, which also addresses accessibility concerns.
 - LWVWI survey in English: <https://my.lvw.org/wisconsin/article/november-2020-voter-experience-survey>
 - LWVWI survey in Spanish: <https://my.lvw.org/wisconsin/article/encuesta-de-la-lvwvi-sobre-la-experiencia-del-votante-tras-las-elecciones-de-noviembre-de>

Please share this information with other voters in your communities.

Family Caregiver Support

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

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Webinar – Using Zoom to Share Trualta with Family Caregivers

December 16, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83273021702?pwd=N2hGTUphOXdpN0h5VkxxRWWhOeUtSdz09>

Meeting ID: 832 7302 1702 Passcode: 078067

One tap mobile: +16468769923,,83273021702# US (New York)

This training session will provide you with tactical, research-based strategies you can use to share Trualta with your family caregivers (“onboard” them). We’ll demonstrate how you can take full advantage of Zoom’s features and highlight best practices. We will be joined by Katie Rodriguez, who successfully engaged 60 caregivers with Trualta in June through the University of Florida and the Alzheimer’s Association. Katie will be sharing how she has been using Zoom to meaningfully engage with her caregivers. This new content has been added for the holiday season:

- *Learning modules:* Holiday Activities for Families Who Are Apart and Downsizing Holiday Obligations
- *Music therapy modules:* A Smooth Jazz Christmas and The Songs and Spirit of Christmas

Health Promotions

[Angie Sullivan](#), Older Americans Act Consultant - Health Promotions Specialist

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Reminder: Free Webcast from the Minnesota Gerontological Society Elder Loneliness & Isolation: Fact, Fiction or Epidemic?

Thursday, December 17, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Register here: <https://www.mngero.org/upcoming-free-webcast-elder-loneliness-isolation-fact-fiction-or-epidemic-december-17-at-noon>



In midst of the busyness of our day-to-day work on behalf of older adults, this presentation offers an opportunity to pause and reflect on an issue that reaches into the very heart of our work. It begs the question: Is elder loneliness and isolation fact, fiction or epidemic? Unpacking the answer leads us to consider various states of being associated with “being alone,” and how isolation creates a circle of loss. Isolation risk factors along with societal impacts and the COVID-19 factor will weave their way into our discussion. We will also look at questions such as: How can we measure isolation and assess the degree to which it is present in the lives of the elders we work among? What causes elder isolation and what solutions can we call on to remedy it? Your voices matter in this conversation, and we expect lively participation and answers to unfold from our shared expertise and experience as learn from each other.

Presentation Objectives

- Explore and define loneliness and isolation and their impact on older adult health and well-being
- Examine how we can identify loneliness among clients
- Incorporate studies and statistics that illustrate the significant role loneliness and isolation play in the quality of elder life
- Reflect on friendship as an antidote to loneliness and share other ideas and solutions