



Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

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General

Nice to Know

Please Confirm: Do You Want this Newsletter?

We're trying to clean up our newsletter mailing list, so you'll be getting a *separate e-mail* titled: *Please confirm: do you want the GWAAR newsletter?* When you get it:

- No action is needed if you want to stay on the list.
- Please respond "No" if you'd like to be removed from the list

Correction

The August, 2021 GWAAR Board meeting was August 13, not August 16th as previously stated.

Advocacy

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

Nice to Know

Voter Registration: Promoting Civic Engagement and Inclusion Webinar

Friday, September 17, 2021

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Register here: <https://drwi-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtcOqtzoiE926rc9BObN416FDSDiR1sAV>

Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy, but many people with disabilities and older adults experience barriers to casting a ballot. Service providers can make a big difference by assisting with voter registration.

Join us in celebrating and honoring National Disability Voter Registration Week, September 13 – 17, 2021, by attending our webinar!

We will share guidance and resources to help you support those you serve with voter registration and obtaining photo IDs. Read the event flyer: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007010>



**NATIONAL DISABILITY
VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 13-20, 2021**

AN AAPD REV UP INITIATIVE
www.aapd.com/ndvrw



Family Caregiver Support

Jane Mahoney, Older Americans Act Consultant - Family Caregiver Specialist

Nice to Know

Training for Professionals Working with Grandfamilies/Kinship Families

An online Certificate in Grandfamilies Leadership Program is being conducted by the University of Maine Center on Aging and will be available starting September 27. Participants will complete the nine modules over a 12-week period; the course closes on December 19, 2021.

This course is only \$85 and gives a good understanding of the challenges and needs of grandparents raising grandchildren. It would be ideal for the Caregiver Coordinator in each county and tribe to have this knowledge. NFCSP funds can be used to cover the cost. View the flyer at <https://mainecenteronaging.umaine.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/201/2021/09/GrandfamiliesCertFlyerFall2021.pdf> or visit the website at <https://mainecenteronaging.umaine.edu/education/kinshipcert>

Employed Caregiver Survey

The Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA) has partnered with UW Extension to create and distribute an Employed Caregiver Survey for anyone employed in Wisconsin. The survey is available in English or Spanish and will be open until October 15, 2021.



Data collected through the survey will be used to publish a statewide report about the needs of Wisconsin's working caregivers and employers, and then that report will be the basis for designing new resources that respond to identified needs. We believe that surveying employees – those who are caregiving and those who aren't - is the best way for all of us to learn what strategies can be developed to overcome barriers that may be inhibiting employers' ability to attract and retain a quality workforce.

Any working person in Wisconsin is encouraged to participate. Please follow the link to take the survey and share it widely with other individuals. It would also be helpful for people to share the survey with other businesses, inside or outside of the aging network. We hope for a good response from all types of organizations.

A cover letter and email introduction of the survey have been created for you to use (in English and Spanish) to invite other agencies/organizations to participate. There is also a pdf of the survey to review.

- WFACSA website: <https://wisconsincaregiver.org/alliance>
- Link to the survey: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0GnMpqXtE7vkuzA
- Cover Letter:
 - English: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007012>
 - Spanish: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007011>
- Email draft:
 - English: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007014>
 - Spanish: <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007013>

Health Promotion

[Angie Sullivan](#), OAA Consultant -Health Promotions Specialist

Nice to Know

Reminder: Falls Prevention Outreach Resources

The Falls Free Wisconsin Coalition has assembled resources for falls prevention advocates to use during Falls Prevention Month - and throughout the year - to raise public awareness of the impact of falls. These resources are ready to use and share - and many are customizable with your logo and contact information. Get them here: <https://wihealthyaging.org/falls-prevention-awareness-month> .

If you have any questions about these materials, please contact Kris Krasnowski kris.krasnowski@wihealthyaging.org

