



Wisconsin Caregiver Support Community Statewide Webinar

May 24th, 2022 – 10:00-11:00 am

NOTES

Brief introduction & review of agenda

Advocacy Update – Janet Zander, GWAAR

- Aging Advocacy Day, State Legislative Updates; nearly 25% will not seek re-election. Opportunity to reach out to those running! Federal Older Americans Act Update Congress must recognize that funding for the Aging Network's programs and services needs to be significantly increased on a long-term basis to serve the rapidly growing numbers of older adults who need them. Take Action! (handout)

State DHS and GWAAR Updates – Lynn Gall, DHS, and Bryn Ceman, GWAAR

- Lynn – upcoming release of Employer Engagement and Working Caregiver Survey. Find [full report](#) and [2 page summary](#) on the wisconsincaregiver.org site.
- Bryn – Training Updates: Core Curriculum workgroup, anticipating GWAAR's LMS soon, Trualta training (Margaret Ricchio) coming in July. Encouraged staff to read GWAAR Weekly Newsletter, follow the Wisconsin's Family Caregiver Supports FB page, and share resources and virtual events from the wisconsincaregiver.org site. Site is constantly improving. Opportunity for grassroots volunteer caregivers who want to participate in advocacy efforts. Small stipend provided to attend monthly workshops.

Trualta – Kunal Parikh and Laura Jane Ward

- Learning presentation; refresher for some & new to other CG staff
 - Ongoing support during each CG Support webinar
 - in 2022
- Spanish Translation materials now available; audible too

United Way 2-1-1 Caregiver Supportive Listening – Jessica Neumann and Rachel Brightman

- Housing, COVID, and health services & much more available throughout the state simply by dialing 2-1-1.
- 211 Wisconsin / United Way of Wisconsin - in partnership with AARP Wisconsin - focused on caregiver supports to walk alongside caregivers in their role of providing care. This outreach program offers 1:1 phone calls with a dedicated and trained 211 Caregiving Specialist that provides: • Supportive listening • Referrals to resources

based on your request and needs • Follow up calls regarding referrals to discuss any issues or additional needs • Calls arranged to meet your schedule

- Anyone can complete a form here: <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/caregiverprogramreferralform>. Once submitted, a 211 Outreach Specialist will reach out to the associated caregiver to complete an intake appointment. Please expect a call within 3 days of your submission. If you would like assistance, please call 833-572-1599 to speak with an outreach specialist.

Next Meeting Date:

- Tuesday, July 26th from 10 – 11 am
- Jennifer Heston-Mullins, PhD LISW (she/her), Research Scholar, Scripps Gerontology Center, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Gerontology, Miami University. Will Share about Our Family, Our Way resources for families in caregiving roles: [Miami's Scripps Gerontology Center provides free resources for families navigating caregiving decisions | News at Miami University \(miamioh.edu\)](#)
- September – share success from around the state in preparation for the next fiscal year
- Agendas will be forthcoming and posted on the GWAAR website
- Please feel free to email Bryn at: bryn.ceman@GWAAR.org and/or Lynn at: Lynn.Gall@dhs.wisconsin.gov with NFCSP/AFCSP meeting topics or guest speaker ideas