

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

GWAAR News

Nice to Know

Congratulations Pam Van Kampen!

For the second time, Pam VanKampen was voted *Community and Public Health Preceptor of the Year* by Nutrition Services - UW Health. This award recognizes an outstanding individual who took time in showcasing and helping further develop the skills and professional competence of UW Health dietetic interns in the community.

Pam's dedication and enthusiasm for nutrition and her work really shines through her bubbly personality. As stated by one of her students, "She is a beautiful soul who always had a smile everyday despite her obligations for the day, including back-to-back meetings. She always made sure to check in and that we had everything we needed to successfully complete the rotation."

GWAAR and the Wisconsin Aging Network are grateful for her hard work on dedication to mentoring students.





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Family Caregiver Support

Bryn Ceman, Older Americans Act Consultant -Family Caregiver Support Specialist

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Emergency Response for People Living with Dementia and Their Caregivers: Preparing for Emergencies via Coordinated Efforts of First Responders and Local Aging Organizations

Tuesday, July 19th at 12:00 p.m. Central

Register here: https://www.asaging.org/web-seminars/ emergency-response-people-livingdementia-and-their-caregiverspreparing-emergencies (Must register to receive webinar link.)

Part of the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center webinar series, sponsored by the Administration for Community Living.





The Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging and Pelham Fire Department have worked closely the last several years on a variety of innovations under the aging network to produce better outcomes for Area Agency on Aging clients. During this webinar, they will share how these partnerships started, give examples of the innovative programs on which they have collaborated, and most importantly, provide information on how to better prepare organizations and clients living with dementia and their caregivers for a disaster before it happens. The knowledge gained in this webinar can assist organizations as they develop emergency planning materials for clients living with dementia and when identifying and implementing practices for pre-disaster readiness and post-disaster needs.

Updated Family Caregiver Information

Check out the new information under Technical Assistance on the GWAAR Website:

- 2022 Newsletter Publications & Links offers professionally written articles to run in your Aging Unit (AU) or Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Newsletters are available at: <u>https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007394</u>
- May's Caregiver Support Community Statewide Call recording, notes, and attachment are now available.
 - o 2022 May Notes: <u>https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007398</u>
 - o 2022 May Recording: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFsbdgzqZdw&feature=youtu.be</u>
 - o 2022 Attachment 1: <u>https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007396</u>

Reminder: Family Caregiving Kit Available

Through United Way's partnership with AARP, caregivers and caregiver coordinators can request AARP's Family Caregiving Kit. The Caregiving Kits can be mailed to staff or caregivers they work with. AARP's Family Caregiving Kit is loaded with valuable information, materials, and resources for those caring for a loved one. This kit includes Prepare to Care, Financial Workbook for Family Caregivers, information on using Ridesharing Apps, Fraud Watch Guides and more. Get the kits here: <u>https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6865445/AARP-s-Family-Caregiving-Kit</u>

Health Promotion

Angie Sullivan, Older Americans Act Consultant -Health Promotions Specialist

Need to Know

Older Americans Act Title III-D - Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Orientation

Thursday, July 14th, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Registration required - email Angie Sullivan at angela.sullivan@gwaar.org to register

Would you like to learn more about the provisions and priorities of the Older Americans Act Title III-D (Health Promotion and Disease Prevention)? The orientation will review the structure of the Wisconsin Aging Network, background information on the Older Americans Act, as well information on evidence-based health promotion programs and resources to assist in expanding health promotion programming to older adults in your community. All are welcome to attend; however, if you are a new Aging Unit Director and Aging Supervisor this training is essential to your overall success in your health promotion efforts.

New Manual to Help Organizations Navigate Virtual Programming

With virtual programming here to stay as a way to reach older adults who are reluctant or unable to attend in-person, engAGED and Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) with AARP partnered to develop, "Implementing and Expanding Virtual Programming For Older Adults". The manual provides concrete tips, strategies and best practices to help organizations implement and enhance virtual programming. Find it here:



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Transportation

Nick Musson, Older Americans Act Consultant - Transportation Specialist

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Veyo took over from MTM as Wisconsin's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) broker in November of 2021. Veyo's transportation provider network leverages traditional transportation providers along with Independent Driver Providers, similar to commercial ride hailing services, to create a robust and flexible network. Veyo also utilizes technology built specifically for health care, rather than using an existing platform that wasn't built to handle complex needs of Medicaid or Medicare Advantage trips. On June 8, 2022 MTM announced the acquisition of Veyo, pending regulatory



approval. The Department of Health Services says Veyo will need to continue service improvements specified in its three-year, \$370 million contract, regardless of ownership. Read the full press release here: https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2007403